

THE  
Constitutions  
OF THE  
COMPANY

*N. London* OF  
Watermen and Lightermen,

Amended by the Right Honourable  
the Court of LORD MAYOR  
and ALDERMEN:

AND  
Afterwards Confirm'd and Approv'd by the  
Right Honourable the Lord Chief Justice HOLT.

*To which is prefix'd,*

A TABLE of the Contents of those By-Laws:

*And therunto annex'd,*

An Abstract of the respective Duties of Rulers, &c.

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*To the Rulers, Auditors, and  
Assistants of the Company of  
Watermen and Lighter-  
men, Rowing upon the Ri-  
ver of Thames.*

*Gentlemen,*

**Y**OU have here presented  
your Constitution at large,  
as lately Amended and Ap-  
prov'd of, pursuant to the Statute  
in that behalf made; and not  
long since you had an *Abstract* here-  
of, which for Cheapness all Mem-  
bers might have bought; and be-  
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for their more ready Information. I have hereunto prefix'd a Table of the principal Contents of these By-Laws; and after the By-Laws annex'd an Abstract of all those Orders; whereunto are annex'd the Pecuniary Penalties impos'd upon the respective Breaches of those Laws; and after that, have contracted the respective Duties of Rulers, Auditors, Assistants, Comptrollers, Clerk and Beadles, with proper References to such Parts of the Constitution, wherein their respective Duties are more largely express'd: So that now, no Member of your Society (who can Read) can pretend Ignorance, but such who are wilfully so, and such Ignorance deserves no Pity.

*Gentlemen,* The Passing of those By-Laws hath been both tedious and chargeable to your Community; but those whose Opposition  
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did principally enhance the Reckoning, make (if I am rightly inform'd) the greatest Clamour against the Expence; I mean some of the late Rulers, who, in *December* last, before the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, oppos'd the Passing those By-Laws, as then Amended by that Honourable Committee of Aldermen, to whom that Matter was referr'd: For those Rulers then pretending Ignorance of what was contain'd in those Laws, desir'd a Copy of them, in order to their making Objections against Passing the same. The Committee of your Company perceiving those Opponents, pretended Ignorance of those By-Laws, lest others of their General Court might do the like, had frequent Meetings with many of their Brethren, (as several times they had before,) in order to give all of them pre-

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sent, at any of those Meetings, a particular Information, by reading over all the Parts once, and many Parts several times for their entire satisfaction. And I believe those Gentlemen of your Committee have, within Thirteen Months last past, met above One hundred and fifty times in relation to those By-Laws ; and at some of those Meetings, there have been present above Thirty other Members of your General Court ; and your Company allowing all reasonable Expences, and Two Shillings to each Member who met upon such Occasions, thereby the Charge became so great. And yet I believe the Loss that each of your Committee sustain'd in their Private Affairs, was much more than their Two Shillings per Meeting would recompence ; for I am well satisfy'd, not one Man of them would undergo such another  
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Fatigue for twice the Money was paid them at 2 s. *per Diem*. And after all that Opposition some of those late Rulers made, and the many Amendments they (or rather Mr. *Glew*) propos'd, none worth naming was allow'd of, besides that of Numbering the Boats in the place now appointed; and that this was done by Mr. *Glew*, may appear to every Man who knows his Writing; for it is inserted with his own Hand.

And since the late Rulers made that Opposition, one half of the Charge hath been expended: So that these Opposers have, in this respect, acted like him who broke his Neighbour's Head, and then charg'd him with being extravagant, tho' it was in nothing but the necessary Expence of a Plaister.

I was much surpriz'd to hear that more Application was made

to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, upon the Choice of the present Rulers that had been (upon the like occasion) made in any one Year, for many Years past; for I am sure that no Ruler can honestly get one Farthing by being such; and that Ruler who shall get any thing by indirect Practices, runs the hazard not only of being dismiss'd with Infamy, but also of being Sued upon his Bond for 200 *l.* For under that Penalty every Ruler is oblig'd *Well and truly to observe, perform and keep the several Rules, Orders and Constitutions made, or to be made, for the Government of this Company, which on his part is to be observ'd, perform'd and kept, &c.* And what those Orders are, which (by him are to be observ'd) may appear by reading from the beginning of Page 89, to Page 96, in which all those Orders relating



relating to the Rulers are abstracted: For the Company may at any time wave the Suing for those particular Penalties which any Ruler hath incurr'd, and Petition the Right Honourable the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, that such Ruler's Bond may be put in Suit; which by that Honourable Court will undoubtedly be granted, upon proper Application; for by the 56th By-Law, that Bond is therein expressly said to be taken by the Chamberlain in Trust for the Company, and to be put in Suit upon Application made by the General Court, and giving the Chamberlain Security to save him harmless against Costs of Suit, &c.

*Gentlemen,* Your Company have been highly oblig'd to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen in the Passing of those By-Laws; for (notwithstanding

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standing the unhappy Misunderstandings at first between that Honourable Court and your Company ) your Committee had repeated Assurances given them, and those afterwards verify'd, That no By-Law should be deny'd your Company, which was consistent with Her Majesties Interest, and that of Trade ; and those Orders should receive a particular Encouragement, which might effectually prevent all sorts of Corruption in any of your Members.

The late Recorder Mr. Common Serjeant and Mr. Town-Clerk, did in a particular manner give their frequent Assistance in the Passing these Orders ; and I hope those By-Laws will effectually answer their End, provided you your selves discharge your respective Duties in relation thereunto ; for the executive Power being lodg'd in you, it is  
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your Duty to see them (upon all necessary Occasions) effectually put in execution: For Good Laws, without execution, will no more reform ill Manners, than proper Physick will cure the Patient without Application. But as that Constitution is happy which needs no Doctor, so are those Communities who so well obey the Rules of their respective Governments, as to avoid suffering under their Penalties; and that all your Members may so observe these good Orders, and your whole Community be happy in the Enjoyment hereof, is the hearty Desire of,

*Gentlemen,*

*Your very faithful Friend,*

*and humble Servant,*

**Laurence Braddon.**



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## A TABLE to the Principal Contents of the Statute-Laws in the subsequent Constitution.

**I***F Watermen or Lightermen Abscond in the time of an Imprest, when summon'd, (as the Statute in that behalf requires) they shall suffer Imprisonment for One Month, and be disabled for enjoying any Privilege of the River for Two Tears.*

Order 14. pag. 9, 10.

*The Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen empower'd to approve of the By-Laws made by the Company.*

Ord. 6. p. 5.

*And also to review, alter or amend such as are or shall be made, such Alterations being subject to the Approbation of the Chief Justice of Her Majesties Bench.*

Ord. 16. p. 10, 11.

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ASSISTANTS, *vide* p. 97. *their Duty.*

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*The Rights of the Lord of Graves-end Manors sav'd.*

**Lightermen, Lighters and Boats.**

*Every Lighterman, or Owner, or Keeper of Lighters, shall be of one Company with the Wherry-men and Lightermen. Ord. 1. p. 2.*

*And all the Lightermen (except as therein excepted) before 1701, shall be Register'd. Ord. 2. p. 2.*

*And none but such, or their Servants (or Free Watormen to be register'd) to work, on the forfeiture of 5 l. per Week. Ord. 8. p. 5, 6.*

*All Lightermen to be liable to all Orders made, or to be made, for the better Government of this Company. Ord. 2. p. 2.*

*But Owners of Keys, and Woodmangers, permitted in their own Lighters (and in their own proper Business) to employ Lightermen. Ord. 12. p. 7, 8.*

*Dung-Lighters and Gardners Boats to work as before the Act of William the Third. Ord. 12. p. 8.*

*By whom and how Offenders are to be punish'd. Ord. 7. p. 8.*

POOR.



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*All Penalties by Statute-Law, or By-Law;  
and what is clear got by Sunday-Ferries,  
apply'd to the Relief of their Poor.*

Ord. 10. p. 6. Ord. 11. p. 7.

RULERS.

*At the first Court of Aldermen, after the  
first Day of June, 8 Watermen and 3 Ligh-  
termen, by that Court to be annually chosen  
Rulers of this Company; And such as re-  
fuse to serve, or negligently exercise their  
Office, to forfeit 5 l.*

Ord. 5. p. 4.

*Rules, Orders and Constitutions to be made  
by the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants in  
their General Court, &c.*

Ord. 6. p. 5.

WATERMEN.

*None but Watermen and their Apprentices  
(except Trinity-Men) shall ply or carry  
Passengers for Gain between Graves-end  
and Windsor.*

Ord. 9. p. 6.

A TABLE to the Principal Con-  
tents of the By-Laws, &c.

ACCOMPTS.

**T**HE Accompts of the Company to be  
twice in every Tear audited, and oft-  
ner if the General Court shall so order.

Order 19. pag. 29.

*And within one Month after such Audit to  
be inspected by the Comptrollers.*

Ord. 51. p. 50.

*All Disputes relating to the Company's Ac-  
counts, which can't be adjusted by the Ge-  
neral Court, shall be heard before the Lord  
Mayor and Aldermen, &c.*

Ord. 19. p. 31.

APPRENTICES.

*Every Member may take as many Apprentices  
as he will—but none to carry either Pas-  
sengers or Goods until two Tears bound.*

Ord. 9. p. 21.

*All to be Bound for Seven Tears, and none  
bound, turn'd-over, register'd or made free,  
but at the Hall, and before the Major part  
of the Rulers, &c.*

Ord. 10. p. 22.

*None made Free but he that hath actually  
serv'd Seven Tears.*

Ord. 11. p. 23.

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*That Apprentice who, without his Master's Consent, leaves him (unless to serve Her Majesty at Sea) shall serve that absent time over again.* Ord. 13. p. 25.

*No intended Apprentice to be kept above 40 Days upon Tryal.* Ord. 5. p. 26.

ASSISTANTS, *vide* p. 97. *their Duty.*

AUDITORS, *vide* p. 96. *their Duty.*

Beadles, *vide* p. 102. *their Duty.*

BOATS.

*All Boats and Lighters to be mark'd, and their Numbers register'd.* Ord. 53. p. 53.

*All Rowing with the Tide, to give others Notice; and none to hinder the Passing or Landing of Barges, or other great Boats, having from them due Notice.*

Ord. 29. p. 36.

*None to Ply, unless his Boat be at the Stairs.*

Ord. 30. p. 37.

*None by his Boat to hinder the passing or re-passing of any Boat, &c.* Ord. 25. p. 34.

*None to Tow a Boat when carrying a Passenger.* Ord. 22. p. 33.

*None plying Westward to take in above Ten Passengers.* Ord. 31. p. 37.

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BRIBES.

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BRIBES.

*None directly or indirectly to take a Bribe to give his own, or to solicit another's Vote, &c.* Ord. 5. p. 18.

COALS.

*None to buy Coals of one sort, and vouch them for another, &c.* Ord. 41. p. 44.

*All Lightermen selling Five Chaldron and a Vatt, to sell Water-measure.*

Ord. 42. p. 44.

*No Lighterman shall cull Coals, when others have a Share in the Loading.*

Ord. 45. p. 46.

*Comptrollers, vide p. 50, 51, 52. their Duty.*

COURT.

*A General Court shall be held four times in every Year, and oftner if 20 Auditors and Assistants desire the same.* Ord. 1. p. 12.

*The Chairman to be chosen by the General Court.* Ord. 2. p. 13.

*Every Court of Rulers to choose a Receiver for that day, and every one to be there heard in that order in which he came.*

Ord. 4. p. 18.

*None*



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*None to refuse to appear at a General Court,  
or to depart thence without leave.*

Ord. 7. p. 20.

*No Misbehaviour to be suffer'd in a General  
Court, or Court of Rulers.*

Ord. 2. p. 13.

DAMAGES.

*All Damages done by one Boat or Lighter to  
another, the Rulers shall endeavour to ad-  
just.*

Ord. 49. p. 49. Ord. 52. p. 52.

ENTRIES.

*Within 10 Days after Binding or making  
Free, a fair Entry thereof to be made, &c.*

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*A Table of Fees to lie before the Rulers at  
every Court.*

Ord. 4. p. 17.

*And none to receive more than the settled  
Fees.*

Ord. 57. p. 59.

FINES.

*All to pay their Fines, and Ten Shillings for  
their Refusals.*

Ord. 62. p. 65.

FREEDOM, &c.

*Every Member to be made Free to pay Six  
Shillings.*

Ord. 54. p. 54.

*The Rules to be observ'd by Graves and Tilt-  
Boat and Wharries, vide p. 60, 61, 62,  
63, 64, 65. —*

### INFORMER.

*An Informer against an unregistr'd Man, &c.  
to be rewarded. Ord. 50. p. 49.*

*But any false Informer, to be paid.  
Ord. 23. p. 33.*

### Lightermen, &c. Lighters, &c.

*All Lighters as high as Tower-Dock, shall  
put their Vessels under Way. Ord. 37. p. 41.*

*None to carry above one Lighter at a time  
Through-Bridge, except, &c. Ord. 38. p. 42.*

*If a Lighter stop in the Bridge, proper Notice  
thereof to be given. Ord. 39. p. 43. and  
Satisfaction to be made, &c. Ord. 38. p. 42.*

*If a Lighter stop on the Hill, the Offender to  
make Satisfaction, &c. Ord. 40. p. 44.*

*None to use another's Lighter without his  
leave. Ord. 43. p. 45.*

*None to employ an unregistr'd Lighterman,  
or work a Foreigner's Lighter, but for the  
Foreigner's proper use. Ord. 44. p. 46.*

*Or go Partner with a Foreigner.  
Ord. 46. p. 47.*

*Lighter.*

*Lightermen may exchange Tunn. Ord. 47. p. 47.*

*None to loosen another's Lighter from his proper Fast. Ord. 48. p. 48.*

*Every Mamber at Sea, by Letter of Attorney, may Bind or make Free. Ord. 14. p. 26.*

**MASTER or MISTRESS, &c.**

*Every Master or Mistress may take as many Apprentices as they please, but none to suffer his or her Apprentice, till two Years bound, to take charge of a Boat. Ord. 9. p. 21.*

*Every Master or Mistress to give an Apprentice (when offending) moderate Correction, or pay the Penalty.*

*Ord. 6. p. 29, 30.*

**MONEY.**

*All Money belonging to the Company (and not appropriated to their Poor) is under the disposal of the General Court.*

*Ord. 54. p. 56.*

**PLY, PLYING, &c.**

*None Plying along the Shore between Vaux-Hall and Litchouse, to Ply any about to take Water with another. Ord. 27. p. 35.*

*All to Ply according to the Rules therein prescrib'd.*

*Ord. 28. p. 35.*

*None*

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*None to Ply unless his Boat be at the Stairs.*

Ord. 30. p. 37.

*None plying Westward to take in above Ten Passengers.*

Ord. 31. p. 37.

*None plying the Long Ferry, shall ply one about to take Water with another, unless, &c.*

Ord. 32. p. 37.

*All plying, &c. to keep Way.*

Ord. 33. p. 38.

*Rules for Plying to be observ'd by Gravesend Tilt-Boats and Wherries.*

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*The Poor to be Quarterly paid, &c.*

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*All Free to pay Six Pence per Quarter, &c.*

Ord. 54. p. 55.

REPEAL'D.

*All former By-Laws, &c. Repeal'd.*

Ord. 63. p. 66.

ROW-BARGE, &c.

*No such to suffer Goods to be plac'd on the Bails, &c.*

Ord. 58. p. 59.

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STEERS-



STEERS-MAN.

*None to act as chief Steers-man till approv'd  
of and licens'd; nor take in above 37 at  
first, and 3 by the Way. Ord. 59. p. 60.*

SUMMONS, &c.

*Not appearing upon the first Summons, for-  
feits 1 s. upon the second 2 s. 6 d. and  
upon every subsequent Summons 5 s.*

*Ord. 24. p. 34.*

*Against Working on Sundays, and  
Swearing, &c.*

*No Member, unless permitted by some Justice,  
or empower'd by the Company, &c. shall Row  
on Sundays: None to Curse or Swear, &c.*

*Ord. 16. p. 27.*

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### The Condition of the RULER's Bond.

**W**hereas A. B. is chosen one of the Rulers of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen for the Year next ensuing, pursuant to the Statute in that Case made: It therefore the said A. B. shall well and truly observe, perform and keep the several Rules, Orders and Constitutions made, or to be made, for the Government of the said Company, which on his Part is to be observed, performed and kept, and in all other things well and honestly behave himself, and faithfully discharge his Trust in the Execution of the said Place as long as he continues therein, and shall not imbezel or misapply any Part of the Company's Stock which shall come to his Hand; then this Obligation to be void, or otherwise to stand and be in full Force and Virtue.

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**Rules, Orders, and Con-**  
*stitutions of the Watermen and*  
*Lightermen of the River of*  
*Thames, between Graves-end*  
*and Windsor, for the better Rule*  
*and Government of the said So-*  
*cietly or Company, examin'd, al-*  
*ter'd and approv'd by the Court*  
*of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of*  
*the City of London, and confirm'd*  
*by the Right Honourable Sir John*  
*Holt, K<sup>t</sup>. Lord Chief Justice of*  
*Her Majesties Court of Queen's-*  
*Bench, pursuant to the Authority*  
*and Directions of the several Acts*  
*of Parliament in that Case made*  
*and provided.*

**W**HEREAS by an Act of Parlia-  
 ment made in the 11th and  
 12th Years of the Reign of  
 His late Majesty King *William* the Third,  
 Entituled, *An Act for the Explanation*  
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**I. Clause.**

and better Execution of former Acts made touching Watermen and Wherry-men Rowing on the River of Thames, and for the better Ordering and Governing the said Watermen, Wherry-men and Lightermen upon the said River, between Graves-end and Windsor. It is amongst other things Enacted, That every Lighterman, or Owner, Keeper, or Worker of any Lighter, or other Large Craft on the *Thames*, between *Graves-end* and *Windsor*, shall be, and be taken to be, of one and the same Society or Company with the said Wherry-men and Watermen; which Wherry-men, Watermen and Lightermen, are thereby made one Society and Company.

**II. Clause.**

AND that all Lightermen working on the River of *Thames* (except *Trinity-men*, Fishermen, Ballastmen, Western-Barges and Mill-Boats, Chalk-Hoys, Faggot and Wood-Lighters, and other Craft carrying the same) shall be Registered in a Book kept by the Company of Watermen and Lightermen, and be liable to such Orders, Rules and Constitutions made, or to be made, for the better Rule and Government of the said Company, and the Pains and Penalties to enforce due Obedience thereunto.

**III. Clause.**

AND that there shall be yearly Appointed, Elected and Chosen



sen by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of *London*, for the time being, Eight Persons of the most wise, discreet, and best sort of Watermen; and Three Persons out of Twelve Persons to be yearly Nominated by the Lightermen of the most wise, discreet, and best sort of Lightermen, being Housholders, having Two Lighters or Flat-Boats upon the said River, between *Graves-end* and *Windsor*; which Election shall be at the First Court of Aldermen, to be holden within the said City, next after the First Day of *June*; which said Eleven Persons so Elected, shall be named and called the Overseers and Rulers of all the Wherry-men, Watermen, and Lightermen that shall use, occupy, or exercise any Rowing upon the said River between *Graves-end* and *Windsor*, who shall keep good Orders and Obedience amongst the said Watermen and Lightermen. AND to that end and purpose the Rulers and Assistants of the said Company, for the time being, shall on the First Court-day, after the First Day of *June*, yearly appoint the Watermen of the Principal Towns, Stairs, and Places of Plying, or the Major part of them respectively, between *Graves-end* and *Windsor*, to choose one Free Waterman,

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terman, being an Housholder, to be of their Assistants, so as they exceed not *Sixty*, nor be less than *Forty* Watermen; and the Lightermen which shall meet at the Hall of the said Company on the First of *June*, between the Hours of Eight and Twelve in the Morning yearly, or the major part of them then present, shall choose *Nine* Lightermen, who, together with the said Watermen, shall be the Assistants of the said Company, to Advise and Assist them for preserving good Government amongst the said Company; which Rulers and Assistants, or the major part of them, shall on the First of *July*, yearly, present to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, for their Approbation, *Five* able and fit Watermen, and Two able and fit Lightermen; which Seven Persons, or the major part of them, shall Audit the Accounts of the Rulers and others of the said Company, and shall Enter such Accounts in a Book kept for that purpose, and Sign the same; which Book shall be kept in some Publick place in the Company's Hall, for View and Inspection by any Person concern'd.

V. *Clause.* AND that if any Ruler, Assistant, or Auditor so Elected, as aforesaid, shall obstinately refuse such Place, or shall negligently

ligeritly Exercise the same, every such Offendor shall forfeit and pay Five Pounds. AND that the said Rulers, VI. *Clause.*

Auditors and Assistants, or the major part of them present, being all duly Summoned, by Summons in Writing, left at the Place of their usual Abode, may make Rules and Orders, with reasonable Penalties, for the good Government of their Society, to be laid before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, to be by them examin'd, alter'd or approv'd, and after confirm'd or alter'd by the Lord Chief Justice of either Bench; and then to be binding, and put in Execution. AND that the Lord VII. *Clause.*

Mayor and Aldermen of *London*, and the Justices of the Peace within the Shires next adjoyning to the *Thames*, between *Graves-end* and *Windsor*, and every of them, within their several Jurisdictions upon Complaint of the Overseers and Rulers, or any Two of them, shall upon Oath hear and determine all Offences committed contrary to the said Act, or to such Rules or Orders of the said Company, and Levy the Penalties thereof by Distress and Sale of the Offendor's Goods.

AND that all Persons owning or work- VIII. *Clause.*  
ing any Lighter or Flat-Boat for unlading

Goods and Merchandizes from Ships and other Vessels, and Registering Themselves and Servants; and Places of Abode, in the said Company's Books, by the 29th Day of *September* 1700, are thereby declared Lightermen; and that they, and none but such Registered Persons (besides Free Watermen there after Registered as Lightermen, and such as shall have served their Time to Lightermen) shall keep and work any Lighters or other great Craft, under the Penalty of Five Pounds

IX. *Clause.* per Week for every such Offence: AND that none (except *Trinity-Men*) shall Row or Ply on the said River, between *Graves-end* and *Windsor*, in any Boat, Wherry or Barge, for carrying Passengers for Profit, except such as have served his Apprenticeship, or is a Servant or Apprentice to a Waterman. AND

X. *Clause.* that all the Penalties and Forfeitures appointed by the said Act, or the Rules or Orders made pursuant thereunto, shall be levied in such manner as by the said Act is directed and appointed, and paid to the said Rulers and Overseers of the said Company, for the Use of the Poor and Decayed Persons of the said Society.

XI. *Clause.* AND that it shall and may be Lawful for the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants,  
for



for the time being, or the major part of them, on any Court-day to appoint any Number of Watermen, not exceeding *Forty*, to Ply and Work on the Lord's Day, between *Vaux-Hall*, above *London-Bridge*, and *Limehouse*, below the same Bridge, at such Common Stairs, or Places of Plying, as to them, or the major part of them, shall seem most convenient for carrying Passengers cross the said River, between the Limits aforesaid, at One Penny, for the carrying each Person; which Waterman so appointed, shall, on every *Monday Morning*, pay unto the Order of the said Overseers, Rulers, Auditors and Assistants, all such Money as shall be so received, who shall pay out of the same to such Persons so working as they shall agree for daily, and the Overplus to be apply'd to the Use of the poor Members of the said Company, and their Widows; And every such Person so working, who shall neglect to pay such Money so earned, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings for every such Neglect. PROVIDED, XII. *Clause*, nevertheless, the Occupiers of any Key between *Hermitage-Bridge* and *London-Bridge*, may use what lawful Liberty they had before; And Woodmongers,

having Wharfs for Retailing Fuel by themselves, and Free Watermen, or Lightermen, may carry their own Goods (only) by them retailed, and the Occupiers of Lay-stalls; and Gardners, may carry their Goods to Market at *London* and *Westminster*, and Places adjacent, and Dung as they formerly have done.

XIII. *Clause.* AND the Rights of the Lord of the Mannor of *Graves-end*, and of the Mayor, Jurats, and Capital Inhabitants of *Graves-end*, and *Milton* in the County of *Kent*, shall continue as formerly; And the Watermen of *St. Margret's Westminster* may Ply and Carry Passengers cross the River from *Westminster-Bridge* to *Strangate*, and from the *Horse-Ferry* to *Lambeth-Bridge*, on the Lord's Day, in their Turns, paying the Money they so Earn to the Use of the poor and decayed Watermen of the said Parish, and their Widows; and the Watermen of that Parish, upon the 23d Day of *April* yearly, shall choose Two Stewards and a Clerk, and shall appoint such Watermen as shall so work in their Turns, as aforesaid, as more fully appears by the said Act.

XIV. *Clause.* AND whereas by an Act made in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Entituled, *An Act*  
for

*for the Encouragement and Encrease of Seamen, and for the better and speedier Manning Her Majesties Fleet; It is Enacted, That in case the Lord High Admiral, or Three of the Commissioners of the Admiralty for the time being, shall give notice to the said Company of Watermen, that there shall be Occasion for such a certain Number of the said Company to serve Her Majesty, and they being duly Summoned, by leaving notice in writing at the Place of their usual Abode; if within Ten Days after such Summons they shall not appear before the Rulers, such Person so summoned and convicted thereof, shall suffer Imprisonment for One Month, and be disabled from enjoying any Privilege of the said Company for Two Years.*

AND whereas by another Act of Parliament, made in the said Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen Anne, Entituled, *An Act for the better Ordering and Governing the Watermen and Lightermen upon the River of Thames; Reciting, That whereas by an Act of Parliament, made in the First Year of the Reign of King James the First, It is (amongst other things) Enacted, That no Wherryman, or Water-*  
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XV. Clause.

man, shall take any Apprentice, unless he shall then be of the Age of Eighteen Years at the least, ( except the Son of a Waterman ) who by the said Act might be taken Apprentice at the Age of Sixteen Years; And that by several of the Rules, Orders and Constitutions made by the said Company, the Increase of Seamen is hindred and prevented, to the great Prejudice of Her Majesty, and the Trade of this Kingdom: It is Enacted, That the said Clause or Clauses in the said Act, of the First Year of King *James the First*, that Restraine the taking of Apprentices until they shall be of the several Ages of Eighteen and Sixteen Years; And the Rules, Orders and Constitutions in the said first mention'd Act, particularly exprest, and all and every other Rule, Order and Constitution made for restraining any Waterman, Wherryman or Lighterman, that now are, or shall be hereafter Free of the said Company, from taking and breeding of Apprentices, shall be, and are, and is thereby repealed and declared to be void, and of none effect.

**XVI. Clause.** AND that the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*, shall and may, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, review, re-examine, alter



alter or amend, all such Rules and By-Laws which relate to the Apprentices of Watermen and Lightermen, and all other Orders and Constitutions, which have been made then, before, or which shall hereafter be made for the Government of the said Watermen and Lightermen, which Alterations and Amendments shall be subject to the Approbation of the Chief Justice of Her Majesties Court of *Queens-Bench* for the time being; and that all such Rules, Orders and Constitutions so re-viewed, re-examined, alter'd or amended, and approv'd, shall be well and duly observ'd and put in execution, the said recited Acts or Rules, or any other Act, Clause or Rule, Order or Constitution to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Now the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen of *London*, at a Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, held at the *Guild-Hall* of the said City, the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of *March*, *Anno Dom.* 1707, and in the Seventh Year of Her said Majesties Reign, in pursuance of the Power and Authority given to them, have seriously and deliberately re-viewed, re-examined, altered and amended all such Rules and  
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By-Laws of the said Company which relate to Apprentices of Watermen and Lightermen, and all other the Orders and Constitutions of the said Company, for the Government of the said Company of Watermen and Lightermen, and have settled and established the same to be duly observed and put in execution by the said Company from time to time, according to the purport, true intent and meaning of the Statutes and Laws in that behalf made and provided; which Rules, Orders, By-Laws and Constitutions so re-viewed, re-examined, and by them so altered and amended, are as followeth: (*viz.*)

**I. A General Court.**

IMPRIMIS, That a Court of Assistants of the said Company shall be called by the Rulers, and held by the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants of the said Company, or the major part of them, in the Common-Hall or Meeting-place of the said Company in *London*, Four times at the least in every Year; (That is to say) in the Months of *May, August, November,* and *February*, and oftner if Twenty of the said Auditors and Assistants, for the time being, shall under their Hands desire the same; to which all the Auditors and Assistants, for the time being, shall by Order

Order of the said Rulers, or the major part of them, given to the Clerk of the said Company, be duly summoned, by leaving a Summons in Writing, under the Hand of the Clerk of the said Company, for the time being, at their respective Dwellings, or usual Places of Abode, Three Days before such Court of Assistants is to be held and kept; and that such of the said Rulers, or Clerk, neglecting their Duty therein, shall forfeit and pay to the Use of the Poor of the said Company, the Sum of Five Pounds.

ITEM, That when the major part of the said Company are met and assembled to keep such Court, they shall in the First place Elect and Choose a fit and able Person from amongst themselves to be Chairman of the said Court, who shall take care to see decent and good Order kept and maintained there by the respective Members thereof, and also in all Matters and Things there proposed and debated; and if the said Chairman, for the time being, shall leave the Chair without the Consent of the said Court, such Chairman, so offending, shall forfeit Five Pounds. And also, if any Member of the said Court shall there Demean himself,

II. *The Chairman of the General Court.*

himself, Turbulently or Disorderly, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

III. Choice  
of Clerk and  
Beadles, and  
the Clerk's  
Bond and  
Duty.

ITEM, That the Clerk, Beadles, and all other the Publick Officers and Servants of the said Company, shall Annually in *December*, and oftner if occasion shall require, be Elected and Chosen at a General Court of Rulers, Auditors and Assistants of the said Company, and not otherwise; and that the Clerk, together with Two sufficient Sureties (to be approved by the said Rulers, Auditors and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants) shall, within Fourteen Days after such Election, enter into a Bond, in the Penalty of One Thousand Pounds, to the Chamberlain of *London*, for the time being, with Condition thereto, as hereafter followeth: Viz: *The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above-bound A. B. who is elected Clerk to the Company of Watermen and Lightermen Rowing upon the River of Thames, shall well and truly observe, perform and keep the several Rules, Orders and Constitutions made, or hereafter to be made, for the better Rule and Government of the said Company on his part,*



to be observed, performed and kept, and in all other things well and honestly behave himself, and faithfully discharge his Trust in the Execution of the said Plate for so long time as he shall continue therein; And shall not imbezle or mis-employ any Sum or Sums of Money belonging to the Common Stock of the said Company which shall come to his hands, then this Obligation to be void, or else to be and remain in full force and vertue. And in case of Failure to enter into the said Bond, such Election shall be void, any former Order or Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding.

Which said Bond shall be so taken by the Town-Clerk of the City of London, as hath been usual, and by him kept in Trust for the said Company, and to be put in Suit upon Application made to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen by the General Court of this Company, and giving the Chamberlain, for the time being, Security to save him harmless against Costs of Suit, by reason of such Prosecution; and the Clerk, for the time being, shall keep a Book, and therein duly enter Minutes of all Orders and Resolutions of the General Court and Courts of Rulers, and other Publick Meet-

Meetings, and draw up Orders thereupon within Four Days after, and present the same to the next Court, to be considered and altered, or approved; and after such Approbation, shall within Six Days Post, and fairly enter such Orders in a Book to be kept for that purpose, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings for every Omission.

IV. Orders  
to be Observed  
by every  
Court of Rulers.

ITEM, That at the Meeting of every Court of Rulers, a Receiver from among themselves shall be chosen, who shall for that Day keep the Key of the Court-Box, and an Account in Writing of what each Person hath that Day paid, and upon telling over that Day's Cash in the Presence of the Clerk, and the major part of the Rulers then present, and comparing the same with such Receivers, and the Clerk's Entries; if there shall happen to be any Deficiency in the Cash received, such Receiver shall make good the same at the then next Court of Rulers, or forfeit to the Use of the Poor of this Company, double as much as was so deficient: But if the Cash appears to be more than was Entred by such Receiver or Clerk, then shall such Receiver and Clerk make a particular Entry of such Overplus, or shall forfeit  
Twenty

Twenty Shillings for every Five Shillings not so accounted for; and at the close of every such Court, the Rulers then present shall sign the Day-Book, or each of them neglecting so to do, shall forfeit to the Use aforesaid the Sum of Twenty Shillings. And it is further order'd, That but one Business shall be under the Consideration of the Court, at one time, in which the Chairman in such Court shall keep good Order; And that such Ruler who in that Court behaves himself disorderly, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid the Sum of Five Shillings; and in every such Court a small Table of Court-Fees shall lie before the Rulers, to the intent the said Fees may be more readily known; and if the Beadle, or Beadles, who for the time being shall keep the Hall-Door, or Doors, shall voluntarily let in any person (Rulers or Clerk excepted) without Order from the Chairman for the time being, such Beadle, for every such Offence, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid Two Shillings and Six Pence. And it is further order'd, That the *Sunday* Ferry-money shall be from henceforth kept separate from the other Cash belonging to the Company; and if any Ruler shall mix them together, so that

It cannot be known how much is *Sunday* Ferry-money, and what the other Cash of the Company so mix'd, doth amount unto, he shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds. And it is further order'd, That the proper Business of all Members shall be heard in that order in which they come; And one of the Beadles, then present, shall enter every Person down in that order in which he came to that Court, and give a List of such Names to the Chairman for the time being, or forfeit Two Shillings and Six Pence. But if the Rulers cannot hear all Persons which attend on any one Court-day, then such Person or Persons shall be first heard, in their former Turns, at the next subsequent Court, as soon as they shall respectively come thereunto, any thing herein before contained to the contrary hereof in any-wise notwithstanding.

*V. No Members of a General Court to take Money, &c. to give his own, or to solicit another's Vote, &c.*

**I T E M,** That if any Member of the said Company shall, or do, directly or indirectly, by himself, or any Person or Persons, receive or take any Fee or Reward to give his Vote or Suffrage, or to solicit or procure any other Member to give his Vote or Suffrage in any Election, or any other Matter or Thing to be ordered, settled



led or done in any such Court, or at any other Assembly or Meeting of the said Company, or the Overseers or Rulers thereof, such Person or Persons so offending, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid the Sum of Ten Pounds; and shall be also therefore disabled to continue, or be a Member of any of the said Courts, or hold any Office of or in the said Company.

ITEM, That if any Three of the Comptrollers of this Company, for the time being, shall under their hands charge before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, any Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Comptroller, Clerk, or other Officer, with such an Offence, for which his Place or Office ought to be forfeited, and shall convict him thereof before the said Court, (Ten Days time at the least having been first allowed the said Offender to make his Defence) that then, and in every such Case, the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen shall and may remove and discharge every such Person or Persons so convicted from his Place and Office; And so many others shall (according to the Rules and Constitutions of this Company) be chosen in their room.

VI. A Ruler, Auditor, Assistant or Clerk, for Corruption, &c. may be dismissed.

VII. *All  
Members of  
a General  
Court to ap-  
pear.*

ITEM, If any Member of such Court of Assistants, being duly summoned as aforesaid, shall and do, without just and reasonable Cause, absent himself, and neglect to appear according to such Summons; or having appeared, shall depart without leave of the said Court, before such Court be dismissed, without such Cause; that then, and in either of such Cases, such Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

VIII. *All  
Bound and  
made Free  
to be fairly  
Entred.*

ITEM, The Rulers, for the time being, shall provide and keep one or more large and convenient Book, or Books, wherein from the proper Day-Books, by the Clerk for the time being, shall be Registered from time to time, every Apprentice of the said Company, or Person to be made Free of the said Company, with in Ten Days next after such Binding or Freedom respectively; and the Day and Year when, and the true Name and Place of Abode of any such Person so Bound, or made Free, and how long he served, or how else such Person became intituled unto his Freedom from time to time; and if the said Clerk shall omit or neglect to make such Entry or Register, he shall, for every such Offence, forfeit

feit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds.

**ITEM,** That every Waterman and Lighterman, Free, or to be Free of the said Company, and Registred as aforesaid, or his or their Widow, shall or may take and bind to serve him or her as Apprentice or Apprentices, as many Persons as he or she shall think fit, to the intent that the Number of Watermen and Lightermen may be increased for the Service of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and the better carrying on the Trade and Merchandize of Her Majesties Subjects both in Peace and War. And it is further ordered and agreed, That if any Master or Mistress shall cause or suffer his or their Servant or Apprentice, contrary to the Statute in that Case made and provided, to take on Board any Person or Persons, or his or their Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, to carry the same upon the said River of *Thames*, before such Servant or Apprentice hath Rowed with some able Waterman for the space of Two Years; Every such Master or Mistress, for every such Offence, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings.

*IX. Every Member may take as many Apprentices as he will, but none till Two Years bound to carry Passengers or Goods.*

*X. Appren-  
ices how to  
be Bound,  
Turn'd over,  
Registred,  
and made  
Free.*

**I T E M,** Every such Master and Mistress shall Bind every such Apprentice by Indenture, attested and subscribed by the Clerk of the said Company, and Two of the Rulers at the least, at the Common Hall, in the said City of *London*, and not elsewhere, to serve him or her for the Term of Seven Years at the least, and shall then and there cause such Binding to be duly and fairly Entred and Registred in a Book of the said Company, to be by them provided and kept for that purpose. And further, That such Apprentice shall not be Bound, Assigned over, Registred or made Free of the said Company, but when the Major part of the Rulers are present, and not until the End of Seven Years, to be accounted from the true and real time of such Binding as aforesaid, and all other Bindings, Assignings, Over-Registrings and Freedoms, shall be, and are hereby declared to be void, and of none effect.

*XI. None  
to be made  
Free till he  
hath served  
Seven Years.*

**I T E M,** That no Apprentice shall be made Free of the said Company, unless he hath actually served his Master or Mistress as a Waterman or Lighterman, or Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors as a Seamen, for the Term of Two Years at the least, before admitted to go



to Sea on Board any Merchant-Ship, tho' with the Consent of his Master or Mistress, and during Seven Years in the whole, after which he shall be duly intituled to his Freedom of the said Company; And all Freedoms shall hereafter be made and passed in the Presence of the Major part of the Rulers at the least, and the Clerk of the said Company for the time being, who shall then Enter and Register the same Freedoms, and the Major part of the Rulers then present, and the Clerk shall subscribe their Names as Witnesses thereof; and in default of so doing, such Ruler or Rulers, or Clerk, who shall neglect their Duty therein, shall each and every of them respectively forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds: And the Person made Free contrary hereunto, shall be struck out of the Company's Books, and his Freedom so obtain'd shall be null and void. And that no Apprentice, duly intituled to be made Free of the said Company, shall be deny'd to be made Free of the same in manner aforesaid, nor omitted to be Registered, as is above directed; and in case the Rulers or Clerk of the said Company, being thereunto requested by such Apprentice, shall refuse or neglect so to do,

every Person so offending, shall for every such Refusal or Neglect, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Pounds.

**XII.** *All Apprentices, after their Master's Death, to be Turn'd over, &c.*

**ITEM,** That every Apprentice, whose Master and Mistress shall happen to dye, or give over his or her Employment, (not Exercising the same by Himself or Servant) upon the said River, shall within Fourteen Days (if at home) apply himself to the Rulers for the time being, and shall at his Request, and by his Consent, be by them, or the Major part of them, turned over to some other able and fit Master or Mistress, being Free of the said Company, and willing to take him, by Indorsing such Turn-over upon his Indenture of Apprentiship, and Registering the same by a *Memorandum* under the Entry of his first Binding; and in default thereof, such Apprentice shall serve the time of such Neglect over again to some new Master or Mistress; but it shall and may be lawful for such Apprentice, when at Sea, to signify by his Letter, subscribed by Two Witnesses, that he desires to be Turned over to such new Master or Mistress as he shall in such Letter particularly name, to serve the remaining part of his Time; and upon producing

ducing such Letter to the Rulers, when in proper Court, he shall be Turned over accordingly; and every Ruler that shall refuse to Turn over an Apprentice according to this Order, shall, for every such Refusal, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds.

Item, That no Apprentice, before the time of his Apprenticeship be expired, shall, without the Consent of his Master or Mistress first had and obtained in writing, under his or her Hand, depart from his said Master or Mistress upon any pretence or occasion whatsoever, unless to Enter himself a Volunteer into the Sea-Service of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or be Impressed into Her Majesties Service at Sea, or to serve on Board some Merchant-Man by the Consent of his Master or Mistress, whereby his Wages and Pay shall and do belong to his Master or Mistress: And every Apprentice so departing, save as aforesaid, shall thereby lose the Time he shall so absent himself, and shall serve his Master or Mistress so long after the Expiration of the Term of his Apprenticeship, as he was so unduly absent from his or her Service, or make his Master or Mistress full Satisfaction for such Absence, before he

XIII. No  
Apprentice  
to leave his  
Service, un-  
less to serve  
the Queen,  
&c.

he shall be admitted to his Freedom of the said Company, or permitted to Row as a Waterman, or Work as a Lighterman upon the said River.

**XIV. Every Member at Sea, by Letter of Attorney, may Bind or make Free.**

**ITEM,** If any Waterman or Lighterman, when going to, or being at Sea, shall leave with, or send to his Wife, or any Three of the Rulers of the said Company, a General Letter of Attorney, or a Special Letter of Attorney for that purpose, she or they shall have the same liberty of Binding and making Free their Apprentices, as if their said Husbands were at the same time present. And if any Wife or Friends of any Member of this Company, when abroad, shall apply to the Rulers, for the time being, on behalf of such Member, to make such Apprentice Free, who shall then appear to be duly intitled to his Freedom; the Rulers, for the time being, shall thereupon make such Apprentice Free of the said Company.

**XV. None to be kept, before Bound, above Forty Days upon Tryal.**

**ITEM,** That no Person shall be kept by any Freeman of the said Company, upon Tryal more than Forty Days, before he shall be duly Bound and Registered as his Apprentice, upon pain that every Person offending therein, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of  
Twenty



Twenty Shillings for every Week after he shall so keep such Person so unbound and unregistred.

ITEM, That no Person Free of the said Company, nor his or their Apprentices or Servants, shall on the Lord's-Day Ply or Row upon the said River, unless upon an Extraordinary Occasion to be allowed off by some Justice of the Peace, or such as are appointed so to do, as aforesaid, upon pain of Five Shillings; nor shall strike nor revile any Ruler, Auditor, or Assistant, upon pain of Ten Shillings; nor any other Free Waterman or Lighterman, or his Apprentice, or any Passenger upon the said River, upon pain of Two Shillings; nor Ply nor Row when Drunk, nor shall suffer any Fair unskilled to Row with both Sculls when in Drink, nor shall prophanely Curse or Swear upon pain of Two Shillings, which Offences shall be proved before the Major part of the said Rulers; and if such an Offender then be an Apprentice, and do refuse to pay the said respective Penalties, he shall receive moderate Correction from his said Master before the Major part of the Rulers, or else such Master shall pay such respective Penalties for him.

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XVI. None to Work on the Lord's-Day, &c. or revile or strike another, &c.

**XVII.** No  
*Viſtualler to  
 be of the Ge-  
 neral Court  
 or Office of  
 the Company.*

**ITEM,** That no Viſtualler ſhall be capable to be Elected, or made a Ruler, Auditor, Aſſiſtant, Clerk or Beadle to the ſaid Company; and in caſe any Perſon after he ſhall be Chosen a Ruler, Auditor, Aſſiſtant, Clerk or Beadle, ſhall and do by himſelf, or by his Wiſe, or any other, ſet up, uſe or keep a Viſtualling-houſe, Brandy-houſe, or other Publick-houſe, for Sale of Liquors, during ſuch time as he ſhall be a Ruler, Auditor, Aſſiſtant, Clerk or Beadle; every Perſon ſo doing, ſhall forfeit and pay to the Uſe aforeſaid the Sum of Ten ſhillings a Week for every Week he ſhall continue ſo to do; And no Member of this Company ſhall hereafter be capable of being Chosen an Aſſiſtant at any other Stairs, but where he doth uſually Ply.

**XVIII.** A  
*Member of  
 a General  
 Court dying,  
 or turn'd out,  
 a new to be  
 choſen.*

**ITEM,** It is farther agreed and ordered, That if any one or more of the Rulers or Auditors ſhall happen to dye, or be turned out for Corruption in his or their Office, or any other Reasonable Cauſe, or ſhall Fine for not Serving his Office, during the Year wherein ſuch Ruler or Auditor was to have ſerved in ſuch Office; That then, and in every ſuch Caſe, the Place of the Perſon or Perſons ſo dying, or being diſmiſs'd, or reſuſing to ſerve

serve as aforesaid, shall be supply'd by Electing others in his or their stead, in the same manner as is before appointed for their first Choice.

ITEM, The Rulers and Assistants of the said Company for the time being, or the major part of them, on the First day of May, yearly and every year, (except it falls on a Sunday, and then on the Monday, next following) shall at a Court by them to be held, Choose Five Persons, able and fit Watermen, understanding Accounts, not then being a Ruler or Rulers of the said Company, and Two Persons able and fit Lightermen, understanding Accounts, not then being a Ruler or Rulers, to be presented yearly to the Court of Lord-Mayor and Aldermen, at the first Court of Aldermen that shall be holden in the Month of July then next following, to the intent they may be Examined; and if found so fitly qualified, then to be Admitted, Approved and Allowed to be Auditors of the Accounts of the Rulers and others of the said Company for the Year ensuing. But in case the said Court shall upon Examination, find them, or any of them, not as before duly qualified to serve the said Office of Auditor of the said Accounts, and shall

XIX. Auditors to be Chosen,

shall therefore refuse to approve and admit such Person or Persons so found unfit, and not duly Qualified to execute the said Trust and Office, then the said Rulers and Assistants of the said Company for the time being, or the Major part of them, shall within Ten Days after such refusal, duly Summons, or cause to be Summoned a Court of Rulers and Assistants; and then and there other fit Persons understanding Accounts, shall be Elected and Chosen by the said Court, instead of such as were so found unfit, and not duly Qualified as aforesaid, to serve the said Office, and therefore rejected by the said Court of Lord-Mayor and Aldermen, as aforesaid; and shall present such Person or Persons so newly Elected and Chosen, to the Court of Lord-Mayor and Aldermen, within Fourteen Days next after such new Choice and Election, to be Examined by the then next subsequent Court of Aldermen, or within One Month next after such Presentment, as aforesaid; and if Qualify'd, as aforesaid, then to be admitted to execute the said Office; who when so established, shall Examine and Audit the Accounts of the Rulers and others of the said Society and Company for the time being, twice in every year, from



from year to year, as aforesaid, and of-  
 fener, if the said general Court shall so  
 Order. And it is further Ordered, that  
 the said Rulers shall upon all occasions  
 that shall happen (other then what re-  
 lates to the entring of Apprentices, and  
 making them Free, or the like, Summons  
 the said Auditors for their Advice and  
 Assistance, in the Ordering and Manage-  
 ment of the Affairs of the said Compa-  
 ny; And if what the said Auditors or  
 the Major part of them then present,  
 shall disallow in the said Accounts, be  
 objected against by the said Rulers, or  
 the Majority of them, or other such  
 Particulars in such Accounts so objected  
 against, shall be presented to the next ge-  
 neral Court of Rulers and Assistants by  
 them to be settled; and if they cannot  
 duly settle and adjust the same, then,  
 upon Complaint thereof, and Appeal to  
 the Court of Lord-Mayor and Aldermen,  
 such Dispute and Difference shall be there  
 heard, in order to determine the same  
 if they can, in such manner as to them  
 shall seem just and reasonable, for the  
 Common Good of the said Compa-  
 ny.

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**XX. Ru-**  
*lers not to  
 expend a-  
 bove 5 l. in  
 one year,  
 and to Pro-  
 secute Of-  
 fenders.*

**ITEM,** that no Ruler or Rulers of the said Company, shall expend or lay out in any one year above the Sum of Five Pounds, without an Order of a general Court of the said Company for the time being, or refuse effectually to Prosecute any Offenders against any of the Laws or Constitutions of this Company, when due proof shall appear before them; and that such Ruler or Rulers acting contrary hereunto, shall, when duly Convicted thereof, be dismiss from being Ruler, and not capable of being any more Elected into the said Office, or other Employment in the said Company.

**XXI. Ru-**  
*lers to ap-  
 point Ply-  
 ing-Places.*

**ITEM,** That the Rulers for the time being, according to the ancient Customs, shall yearly, and every year, in the Month of June, set forth and appoint the Plying Places of all Watermen, at each of their respective Towns and Plying Places, between *Vaux-Hall*, above, and *Eym-House*, below *London-Bridge*, by the usual and accustomed Mark: And in neglect thereof, each and every of the said Rulers shall forfeit and pay to the use aforesaid, the Sum of Twenty Shillings. And that the said Rulers shall once in Two years, in the Month of July, set forth and appoint the Plying Places

Places between *Vaux-Hall* and *Windsor* :  
And likewise once in Two Years, all Places where Watermen shall Ply, between *Limehouse* and *Graves-end* ; and in Neglect thereof, each of the said Rulers, for the time being, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Forty Shillings.

ITEM, If any Waterman having in his Boat or Wherry any Passengers, and at the same time shall presume to fasten to his said Boat any other Boat, to Tow the same after him, he shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of half a Crown.

XXII. None to Tow a Boat when he carries a Passenger.

ITEM, If any Waterman or Lighterman be summoned to appear as a Witness against any other Waterman or Lighterman, charged with the Breach of any known Law, Rule, Order or Constitution of this Company, in order to the convicting him or them of any Offence, the Person so summoned, and attending accordingly, shall for his or their Service or Attendance, have such Satisfaction as the said Rulers, or the Major part of them, for the time being, in their discretion shall think reasonable ; and if the Person or Persons complaining shall not make due proof against the Person of

XXIII. A Witness summoned to have Allowance, a false Informer to make Satisfaction.

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whom

whom the Complaint is made; The said Complainant shall make such reasonable Satisfaction to the Person so unjustly accused, as the said Rulers in their discretion shall think fit and convenient; such Allowance not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

XXIV. Forfeitures for not appearing upon Summons.

ITEM, If any Waterman or Lighterman shall be duly summoned to appear to Answer any Complaint, and shall not appear (not having a reasonable Excuse) he shall for such his Non-appearance forfeit and pay One Shilling; And on the second Summons forfeit and pay the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence; And for such Non-appearance, upon every subsequent Summons, not having such Excuse, the Sum of Five Shillings.

XXV. None to hinder others passing to or from the Stairs.

ITEM, That no Waterman, or his Apprentice, shall stick up and lay his Boat at his Staff, so as to hinder and prevent due and orderly passing of any Boat or Wherry unto or from any Stairs or Landing-places, or to or from the Roads-end of the Boats, but shall lie and stick up their said Staves clear of the said Stairs or Landing-places; and beyond the said Roads-end, on pain that the Owner of every such Boat, lying in any other manner, shall forfeit and pay, for every such



such Offence, the Sum of Six Pence to the Use aforesaid.

ITEM, That the Rulers, Auditors, Assistants, Comptrollers and Trustees of the said Company, for the time being, from time to time shall serve the said Company in each of their respective Stations and Offices, without any Fee or Reward.

XXVI. Rulers, Auditors and Assistants, Trustees and Comptrollers to serve without Fee or Reward.

ITEM, If any Waterman, or their Apprentice (while Rowing along the Shore, between *Paux-Hall* and *Limehouse*) shall Ply, or take in any Fare or Passenger coming down, or standing on the Stairs or Shore, as about to take Water; that have agreed, or are treating in order to agree with a Waterman to carry them to their respective Landing, he shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence (besides making Satisfaction to the Person wronged, according to the Wrong received) to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of One Shilling.

XXVII. None Rowing along the Shore to Ply one about to take Water with another.

ITEM, If any Waterman shall hereafter presume to Ply any Fare, for the Carrying such Fare their Goods or Merchandizes, before he shall have arrived to the Publick Place of being plied, or stand and ply before the Plying-place from time to time set forth and appoint-

XXVIII. Rules for Plying Fares.

ed by the Rulers for the-time being, or their Order, or shall follow any Fare when taking Water, beyond the usual Mark appointed to restrain them ; Every Waterman, and their Apprentice offending herein, shall each of them forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of One Shilling ; and also make full Satisfaction to the Person wronged (if any be) according to the Value of the Fare so carried.

XXIX.  
*Those Row-  
ing with the  
Tide to give  
others No-  
tice.*

ITEM, If any Waterman Rowing with the Tide or Stream, shall neglect to give Notice or Warning (which he is hereby required to give) at a reasonable Distance, to all Persons Rowing cross or against the Stream or Tide ; if any Damage happen, the Waterman offending shall not only make Satisfaction for such Damage as the other Waterman shall sustain by such Neglect, but shall, for every such Offence, further forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of One Shilling : And every Waterman who shall interrupt, or any ways hinder the Passing or Landing of any of the Nobility's Barges, or other Barges carrying Passengers, or any Tilt-Boat, Row-Barge, or Light-horse-man, having from them respectively due Notice given, he

he shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, half a Crown.

ITEM, That no Waterman, between *Graves-end* and *Windsor*, shall Ply any Fare or Passengers, except his Boat or Wherry be at the Stairs or Place at which they Ply, in order to receive the said Fare or Passengers, on pain to forfeit and pay, as aforesaid, Five Shillings.

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*None to Ply, unless his Boat be at the Stairs.*

ITEM, If any Waterman plying the Long-Ferry, Westward, shall receive or take in to any small Boat or Wherry, or have therein above the Number of Ten Passengers at one time, or shall carry any Passengers from the place at which he first plied them, to any other Stairs or Place, with an intent to Ply other Passengers, (except such Passengers as stand and call them in by the way, or to meet such Passengers as before have appointed them) Every Waterman, transgressing in either of those Kinds, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence.

XXXI.

*None Plying Westward to take in above Ten Passengers.*

ITEM, No Waterman plying the Long-Ferry, shall hereafter presume to Ply any Fare, about to take Water with some other Waterman (whose proper Turn it is)

XXXII.

*Plying the Long-Ferry.*

for the Town-Stairs or Plying-place at which he lives or plies (except such Fare shall signify his or her Knowledge of such Waterman, or the Waterman prove his Knowledge of such Fare, or the said Fare shall ask for a Waterman living or plying at such respective Town or Stairs, on pain of forfeiting for every such Offence, besides making Satisfaction to the Party thereby depriv'd of his Fare, the Sum of One Shilling to the Use aforesaid.

XXXIII.  
Plying be-  
tween Wool-  
wich and  
Kingstone.

ITEM, That all Watermen Plying at any Town-Stairs, or Plying-Places, between *Woolwich* in the County of *Kent*, and *Kingstone* upon *Thames* in the County of *Surrey*, shall keep way, (that is to say) First come to have the Preference of him that comes after; Provided this Order shall not extend to hinder or prevent the Watermen of the several Stairs and Plying-places from keeping a Morning-Turn, which shall hereafter be kept from *Lady-day* to *Michaelmas*, at Seven of the Clock in the Morning, and from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-day* at Eight of the Clock in the Morning, at which Hours the Country-Watermen shall have equal Privilege and Turn keeping with the Towns-men; Provided neither Towns-men nor Country-men have had a Fare before



before those Hours, above the Value of Six Pence for every Pair of Oars, and Three Pence for every Sculler in each Morning; and every Waterman within the Limits aforesaid, who shall transgress in either of those Kinds, shall forfeit and pay (besides making Satisfaction to the Person wronged, according to the Wrong receiv'd) for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Six Pence.

ITEM, That every Ruler and Assistant, and other Officer, having receiv'd a Complaint of and against any Waterman or Lighterman, or knowing of any Offence committed by any Member of this Society, contrary to any of the Rules thereof, shall give Notice thereof to the next Court of Rulers held by them, or within Ten Days, on pain to forfeit and pay, for every such Neglect, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

ITEM, That from henceforth all Persons Navigating any Lighter or Lighters, or any other Craft to or from any Ship or Vessel, or any Place of Loading or Unloading (where they have a Right to Load or Unload) shall observe their proper Turn or Turns; (That is to say) The said first Lighter or Craft laid on Board the Ship or Vessel, or coming to

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*Rulers or Assistants receiving any Complaint, or knowing of any Offence, shall inform.*

XXXV.

*Lighters shall have their Turns.*

any place of Loading or Unloading, to have the Preference of them that come after both in Loading and Place of Lying till loaded or unloaded; And each Person that by Force, Violence, or otherwise, shall hinder or prevent him whose proper Turn it is, so to load or unload, shall forfeit and pay to the Person wronged of his said Turn, the Sum of Forty Shillings; And shall further forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

XXXVI.  
*Lighters turned a-drift.*

ITEM, If any Lighter or Flat-Boat be turned a-drift (or by any means shall happen to be a-drift) or be taken away from any Ship or Vessel, or any place of Loading or Unloading, by any Person whatsoever (except the Owner or his Servant, or by their, or either of their Consents) such Lighter, Flat-Boat, or other Craft, shall not lose their Turn in Loading or Unloading those Goods they were to Load or Unload; Provided the said Lighter or other Craft be brought on Board the said Ship or Vessel, or Place of Loading or Unloading, the next Flood or Ebb after she so happened to go, or be taken from the said Ship, or Place of Loading or Unloading, as aforesaid; And such Person or Persons who, without such  
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Lightermen  
as high as  
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Dock to put  
their Vessel  
under Way,  
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Not to carry  
above one  
Lighter at  
a time thro'  
London-  
Bridge, ex-  
cept, &c.

Satisfaction for the Damages sustain-  
ed. **ITEM,** That no Lighterman, or his  
Servants, or Apprentice, shall hereafter  
presume to Row or Navigate thro' Lon-  
don Bridge, on the Flood Tide, above  
one Lighter, or one Flat-Boat, or other  
like Craft, at one time (except at High-  
Water) nor on the Ebb at a Horsing-  
Water (That is to say) at such times of  
Tide as its probable the said Lighter or  
other Craft may stop in the Bridge, on  
pain of making Satisfaction to every per-  
son thereby wronged, and also to forfeit  
and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum  
of Five Shillings: And if any person  
working in any Lighter, or other Craft,  
for want of Care or Skill to work in the  
said Bridge, his Lighter or other Craft  
shall stop therein, every such Lighterman  
shall not only make full Satisfaction to  
the Persons thereby damaged, but shall  
also forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid,  
the Sum of Five Shillings: And if any  
Controversy shall happen to arise there-  
upon, the Rulers, for the time being,  
shall hear and endeavour to determine  
the same.

**ITEM,**



ITEM, That if it happen that any Lighter or other Craft shall stop in the Bridge, the Person working the same shall with all possible speed send a Man in a Boat to give Notice to all such Persons as are working of any Craft between the said Bridge and St. Katherine's Dock on the Flood-Tide, and between the said Bridge and Queenhithe on the Ebb-Tide, to the end they may timely secure the same; and if it happen in the Night-time that any Craft is so stopt in the said Bridge, besides the Notice to be given in a Boat, as aforesaid; there shall also be set up a Light in the Vessel so stopt (or some other convenient place) as a sign or token of the Lock being stopt, that others may avoid the Danger; And every Master of Craft, or their Servants or Apprentices, neglecting to do as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Neglect, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings: But if an Offender be an Apprentice, and the Master of such Servant or Apprentice shall refuse to pay the said Penalty for him, then the said Servant shall suffer the severest Correction and Punishment as by Law can be inflicted upon him for the same.

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A Lighter  
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**XL.** *None to carry his Lighter Through-Bridge, when the Water is not sufficient to carry them over the Hill.*

**ITEM,** That if any person Row or Navigate any Lighter, or other large Craft, through *London-Bridge*, on the Flood-Tide, before the Water is of sufficient-Height to carry such Lighter over the Hill, on the other side of the said Bridge, and shall stop thereon, each person so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings, and make full Satisfaction to every person receiving Damage by reason thereof.

**XLI.** *For buying and selling Coals.*

**ITEM,** If any Lighterman shall buy Coals of one sort, and Vouch them to be of another sort, which gives great Disappointment, and is of very ill Consequence to the Consumer; Every person therein offending, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings to the Use aforesaid.

**XLII.** *Lighermen to sell Water-measure, &c.*

**ITEM,** It is agreed and order'd, that all Lightermen selling Coals, shall sell Pool-measure, commonly call'd Water-measure; That is to say, One and Twenty Chaldron to the Score, or otherwise to sell the same Measure each person buys, (provided the Parcel be Five Chaldron and a Vatt at the least) And each person doing the contrary, shall forfeit and pay for every Vatt of Coals sold short of the Measure

Measure, so bought to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Forty Shillings; And shall likewise make to the person or persons he hath so defrauded of his just Measure, full Satisfaction according to the Wrong done, or forfeit Ten Pounds to the Use aforesaid; And shall also be Posted up at the Four Corners of *Billinggate-Market*, as a fraudulent and unjust person, when and so oft as such Offender or Offenders shall be discover'd, save only that out of the Penalty aforesaid, there shall be paid by the Rulers, for the time being, to such persons as shall true Information give against any such Offender, the Sum of Forty Shillings.

ITEM, If any Lighterman, or his *XLIII. Nons* Apprentice, shall hereafter presume to *to use ano-* take and use any other Man's Lighter, or *sher's Ligh-* other Craft, without leave first had and *ter, &c.* obtained of the proper Owner thereof; Every such Offender shall not only forfeit and pay to such Owner all such Sum and Sums of Money as he Earned in the said Craft while he used the same but also make full Satisfaction to the person wronged, according to the Wrong received; and also forfeit and pay to the Use of the Poor aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

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XLIV. *Against employing a Foreigner, or working or using a Foreigner's Lighter, &c.*

ITEM, If any Lighterman or Waterman shall at any time or times hereafter set at work to Row upon the said River, any person not Free of the said Company, or shall Load in or Navigate on the River of *Thames*, any Lighter, Flat-Boat, or other Craft, own'd by or belonging to any unregistr'd person (Wharfingers or Woodmongers of *London*, for their own proper use excepted) every such person shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings *per Diem*.

XLV. *Not to cull Coals.*

ITEM, If any Person or Persons, their Servants or Apprentices, shall, while Loading Coals from on Board any Ship or Vessel, where other persons have a Share in their said Loading with them, into any of their Lighters, or other Craft, pick or cull any of the Coals in the said Ship, (that is to say) of the largest, fairest and roundest of the said Coals to put into the said Lighters, or other their said Craft, amongst the rest of their said Loading; Every person so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every Chaldron of Coals, amongst which such pickt Coals shall be mixt, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

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**I T E M,** That no Lighterman shall join XLVI. No  
in Partnership as a Lighterman, to trade *Lighterman*  
or deal in Coals, or in the owning and *to take a per-*  
occupying of any Lighter, or other Craft, *son unregi-*  
for the carrying of any Goods or Mer- *ster'd to be*  
chandizes whatsoever with any person *Partner.*  
not register'd, as aforesaid, as a Lighter-  
man, on pain to forfeit and pay for every  
Lighter, or other Craft, being so work'd,  
to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten  
Shillings a Day for each Day the same  
shall be work'd; And for every Chaldron  
of Coals dispos'd of and sold in such  
Partnership, to forfeit and pay to the Use  
aforesaid the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

**I T E M,** If any Lighterman, having XLVII. *The*  
any Lighter or Lighters, or other Craft, *Lighter in*  
and lying on Board (in their Turn) of *turn, may*  
any Ship or Vessel, the person working *exchange.*  
the said Lighter, or other Craft, may,  
when he is next in Turn, either dispose  
of his said Turn, or exchange Turn with  
another person having any Lighter or  
other Craft on Board the said Ship or  
Vessel (Provided the person with whom  
the Exchange was made, as aforesaid,  
shall load no more than the person was  
to have loaded who made the Exchange;)   
And whosoever of a Lighterman shall  
obstruct or hinder the said Disposal or  
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Exchange of the said Turn, after the said Parties have agreed the same, shall forfeit and pay to the Party offended the Sum of Ten Shillings; and also to the Use of the Poor, as aforesaid, Ten Shillings.

**XLVIII.**  
*None to loose  
 a Lighter  
 from his pro-  
 per Fast.*

**ITEM,** If any Lighterman or Waterman, or his or their Apprentice, shall wilfully let loose or cast off the Fast of any Lighter or other like Craft, where the Owner had a Right to fasten the said Craft, so as the said Lighter or other Craft drives from the place the Owner had bestowed her; Each person so offending, shall not only pay such Damages as the said Owner shall sustain thereby, but also forfeit and pay to the Use of the Poor, as aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings; and that if any Lighterman, or his Apprentice, shall take to their own Use any persons Skiff, Boat, or Sculls, Headfast or Lighters, or other Craft, or their Oars, or other like Instruments or Conveniencies, without leave first had and obtained of the proper Owner thereof, he shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings, and also make full Satisfaction to the person wronged, according to the wrong done; and in case of Controversy

troverſy touching the ſame, the Rulers for the time being, or the Major part of them, ſhall hear and endeavour to determine the ſame.

ITEM, That all Differences touching Damages ſuſtained in *Bridewell-Dock* by Lightermen, or their Servants or Apprentices, either by ſtopping the Paſſage in the ſaid Dock, or by damniſying each others Craft, ſhall be heard by the Rulers for the time being, or the Major part of them, who ſhall endeavour to determine the ſame; And in caſe either Party ſhall reſuſe to appear to a Summons for hearing the ſame, the Party ſo reſuſing to appear, ſhall forfeit and pay to the Uſe aforeſaid the Sum of Twenty Shillings over, and beſides his being liable to be puniſhed for the ſame by the Right Honourable the Lord-Mayor, for the time being, as Conſervator of the River of *Thames*.

ITEM, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall give Information to the Rulers of the ſaid Company of any unregiſter'd Perſon keeping or working any Lighter or Lighters, or Flat-Boat or Boats, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the Act of Parliament in that Caſe made and provided, and making due Proof thereof before  
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them, shall, for every such Information, receive of the Rulers, for the time being, out of the Company's Stock, the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

*Ll. Comptrollers when chosen, and their Duty.*

**ITEM,** To the end all Rulers, Auditors, Assistants, Clerk, and other Officers, may be punished according to Law; And the Constitutions of this Company, whenever any or either of them shall embezel the Stock of this Company, or in any respect act contrary to their respective Duties: It is hereby agreed and ordered, That every First Day of *May* (unless on a *Sunday*, and then on the *Monday* next following) Five persons not being Rulers or Auditors, shall be Annually chosen to be Comptrollers for the Year then ensuing; who are hereby ordered and required from time to time, within one Month after every Audit of any Accounts of the said Rulers or others, to peruse, examine, and see, that the same be just and true; And to use their utmost Endeavours to discover and prosecute, before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, if a proper Relief can be there had, or otherwise to proceed as by Law they shall be advised, against any Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Clerk, or other Officer, who shall be discovered to embezel any



any of the Stock of this Company, or otherwise act contrary to his Duty; And such Comptrollers are hereby ordered and required from time to time in writing, signed by the Major part of the said Comptrollers, to make Report to the General Court of this Company what Offences they have discovered of any Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Clerk, or other Officer, and what Prosecutions or Proceedings have been made against such Offenders, and the Charge of such Prosecutions to be defrayed by the Common Stock of this Company, and such Comptrollers to be subject to and under the Directions of the General Court of this Company for the time being; and if any Comptroller so chosen, shall refuse to serve in such his Place and Office, he shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds. And it is hereby further agreed and order'd, That no Auditor or Comptroller shall serve above Two Years successively; And all Rulers, Auditors, Assistants, Clerk, and other Officer, and all Members of this Society, are hereby ordered from time to time to give due and timely Notice to such Comptrollers of all Embezelments, or other Offences, committed by any other Ruler, Auditor,

ditor, Assistant, Clerk, or other Officer, which shall come to their Knowledge; and whatsoever Comptroller shall neglect the Discharge of his Duty, according to the Trust hereby reposed in him; or whatsoever other Member shall wittingly and willingly conceal, and not discover such Offenders, as aforesaid, for every such Offence he shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Forty Shillings.

LII. *Splitting of Lighters or Boats.*

**I T E M,** If any Waterman or Lighterman shall at any time hereafter happen to have his Boat, Lighter, or other Craft, split, staved, or any ways damaged by the means of any Waterman or Lighterman, their Journeymen or Apprentices, the Person so damaged shall Summon the Offenders before the then Rulers of this Company; and if the Person so summoned shall refuse to appear, he shall forfeit and pay, for every such Refusal and Neglect, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings: But if such Person shall appear, then the Rulers, for the time being, or the Major part of them, shall hear and endeavour to Determine the same.

**I T E M,**

**ITEM,** That all Watermen and Lightermen, who are Owners of any Boat or Boats, Lighter or Lighters, or any Craft, to be employed in carrying or transporting of Goods or Passengers on the River of *Thames*, and by the late Act of Parliament are subject to the Company of Watermen and Lightermen, shall Mark and Number, or cause to be marked and numbred all and every their said Boats, with plain Figures on the Linings on each side, just abast the Wherrit-Stoppers of every Boat and Wherry, and on Lighters and Lighter-built Vessels, with plain Figures on the Bows, and on Barges on the Hudds Boards, to be always in the Day-time plainly seen by all Persons passing on the said River, that the same may be known; And that a Register of the Number thereof, and the Owners Names and Places of Abode be made and kept by the Clerk of the said Company, for the time being, for any person injured to view, search and discover Offenders. And further, That if any Watermen or Lightermen, who are, or hereafter shall be, Owner or Owners of any such Lighter, Craft or Boat not so marked and numbred as aforesaid, shall not within Four-

**LIII. Lighters & Boats to be numbred and register'd.**

teen Days, next after Notice given him of such default ; Or if he cannot be found, then by a Summons, to be set up at the most noted Plying-places between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*, next to the usual Dwelling of such Waterman or Lighterman, requiring him to Mark and Number his Boat or Lighter, or other such Craft ; Every such Owner refusing or neglecting so to do, for every Week after such Neglect, until they respectively shall so Mark, Number and Register the same, as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

LIV. Every Waterman made Free to pay 6s. Every person (except a Waterman) register'd to pay the same. All to pay Quarteridge, the Money to be dispos'd of by the General Court.

ITEM, That from henceforth every Person as well Watermen as Lightermen, when they take up their respective Freedoms of the Company, or any not being Watermen, be Registred as Lightermen, shall pay for and towards the Building of a New Hall within the City of *London*, or Liberties thereof : If the Court of Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants, shall order such Building, or for such other the publick Use or Uses of the said Company, as the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants, or the Major part of them, for the time being, shall direct and appoint the Sum of Six Shillings: And that all and every Person and



and Persons already Free, or hereafter to be made Free of the said Company, shall pay every Quarter ( that is to say ) at *Lady-day, Midsummer, Michaelmas* and *Christmas*, to the Use of the said Company, the Sum of Six Pence; and for Non-payment of the said Quarteridge, upon demand, shall forfeit and pay to the Use of the Poor of the said Company, the Sum of Five Shillings; which said Money, and all other Money which shall be from time to time collected, for the Registering of Lightermen, and all other the Publick Money or Stock of the said Company, shall be put, kept, and safely lock'd up, in a strong Chest, with three Locks, to be provided and appointed for that purpose, by the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants, for the time being; And the Keys of such Chest to be from time to time kept by such Three of the Rulers, for the time being, as the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants, from time to time shall order and appoint; And each and every of those Rulers so keeping the Keys, shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay the said Cash in such Chest, and deliver the Keys thereof to such other Rulers, as the said Rulers, Auditors, and

Assistants shall direct; and the Three Rulers so from time to time to be appointed to receive those Keys, shall give the Rulers from whom they shall receive such Cash and Keys, their Receipt for so much as they shall so receive for the Use of the said Company; which Receipts shall be from time to time a sufficient Discharge to those Rulers for the Money in such Receipts from time to time mentioned and exprest; And all Money so kept in such Chest, shall be from time to time paid or laid out, as the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants in a General Court shall direct and appoint, and not otherwise.

LV. *The Poor to be paid Quarterly.*

ITEM, That the Rulers, for the time being, shall on the Four usual Quarter-Days, That is to say, on the First Day of *February*, on the First Day of *May*, on the First Day of *August*, and on the First Day of *November* in every Year, unless such Days shall fall on a *Sunday*; and then on the next Day following, pay unto such poor Watermen and Lightermen, and their Widows, so much Money as shall from time to time be settled to and for each of them in the Poor's List, by Order of the Court of Rulers, Auditors, and

and Assistants; And that the Clerk of the said Company, for the time being, shall keep a distinct Account of all Moneys received for and paid to the Poor of the said Company in a Book by it self, on pain to forfeit and pay to the Use of the said Poor Ten Shillings for every Week he shall omit the doing thereof.

ITEM, That the Eleven persons Annually nominated and chosen, and every other Person to be nominated and chosen to be Rulers of the said Company, by the said Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, shall then and there respectively take the Oath usually taken by the Rulers of the said Company, for the due Execution of the said Office: And together with Sureties to be approved by the said Court, severally Enter into Bond to the Chamberlain of the said City, for the time being, in Two hundred Pounds, or such greater Penalty, to be from time to time (as the Case may require) directed by the said Court, with such Condition thereto (*mutatis mutandis*) as if before appointed to be Entred into by the Clerk of this Company, in Trust for the said Company, and to be put in Suit upon

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LVI. *The Rulers to take an Oath, and Enter into Bond.*

Application made to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, by the General Court of this Company, and given the Chamberlain, for the time being, Security to save him harmless from all Costs of Suit, which may be given against him upon such Prosecutions, or otherwise by Direction of the said Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen as occasion may require ; And in case any of them shall then and there refuse to take the said Oath, and enter into such Bond, such Refusal thereof shall be taken to be a Refusal of the said Office ; and they so refusing, shall respectively forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid the Sum of Five Pounds, and also be incapable of being chosen Ruler or Rulers of the said Company at any time within Seven Years next after such Refusal.

LVII. *The Ruler, &c. to take more than the settled Fees.*

*Clerk or other Officer, for that Offence, to be dismissed.*

ITEM, That no Ruler of the said Company shall demand, receive or take any other or greater Fee or Fees to the Use of the said Company, for Business done in the Courts held by the Rulers for Binding of Apprentices, or for making Free those whose Terms are expired, or for the dispatching of any Business proper to be dispatched by the said Court



Court of Rulers ; nor any Clerk, Beadle, or Beadles, to the Use of him or themselves, by vertue or colour of such his or their Office or Offices more, or any other then are or is mentioned, appointed or exprest in a Table of Fees for that purpose here under-written, intituled, *A Table of Fees to be taken by the Rulers, Clerks and Officers of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen* (Sallaries of such Clerk and Beadles only excepted;) And that every person offending therein, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, treble as much as he or they respectively shall demand, and take above what ought to have been received and taken for the same, according to the Rules appointed by the said Table; and shall also restore to the person wronged all that was received more than ought to have been paid or received by the said Table of Fees respectively, and that the said Clerk and Officers therein offending shall forfeit their Place and Offices.

ITEM, That no Master of a Row-  
Barge, or Lighter Horseman, carrying  
Goods and Passengers between *London*  
and *Windsor*, shall lay, or place, or suf-  
fer to be laid or placed upon the Bails  
of such Barge or Light-Horseman, any  
Goods

LVIII. No  
Goods to be  
plac'd on the  
Bails.

Goods or Passengers, upon pain to forfeit and pay for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings.

*The following Orders relate particularly to the Regulation of the Graves-end Tilt-Boats and Wherrys.*

LIX. Chief  
Steersman.  
Number of  
Passengers in  
a Tilt-Boat,  
&c.

ITEM, That no Person shall Act as Master, or Chief Steersman, of any Tilt-Boat, Row-Barge, or Light-Horseman, until approved and licensed so to do by the General Court, under the Penalty of Five Pounds for every such Offence; and if any Master or Chief Steersman of any Tilt-Boat shall receive or take in to his or their Boat or Boats above the Number of Thirty-seven Passengers at one time, (and Three more if brought on Board by the way) Or if any Master of a Wherry plying the said Ferry (or any of the Ferrys of London, Grays, Greenhith, Purfleet or Erith) shall take in to their Boat or Wherrys above the Number of Seven Passengers at one time, and Two more if call'd in by the way; Every such Master of such Tilt-Boat shall forfeit and pay as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, for every such Offence, for every such Passenger,

senger, over and above the said Number, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence; and every Waterman Rowing in a Wherry, as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Passenger, over and above the said Number as aforesaid, the like Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence.

ITEM, Any Waterman plying the Long-Ferry (that is to say) to and from Graves-end to London, being the Master of a Wherry; and having an Apprentice, shall have free Liberty of Plying and Assisting of any Waterman working with his Apprentice, notwithstanding any former Rules and Orders of this Company to the contrary; Provided such Master Ply but to one Boat in each particular Tide: But if he shall Ply to more than one Boat at one Tide, he shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings: And if any Waterman Plying the said Ferry, shall make breach of, or stand before the publick Plying-place, or shall lay his Hands on any Coach or Bridle of any Horse, or of any Fare or Passenger, or their Goods, without the Consent and Order of the said Fare or Passenger, such person shall forfeit and pay for each and every of the said Offences, the Sum of

*LX. Plying the Long-Ferry.*  
*Rules to be observ'd in Plying it.*  
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One Shilling, and make Satisfaction to the person wronged (if any be) according to the Wrong receiv'd, over and above the said One Shilling: And if any of the said Plyers, either to a Wherry or Tilt-Boat, having the Promise of a Fare or Passenger, shall notwithstanding be interrupted by any other Waterman, to the disquieting of the said Fare or Passenger, or shall proffer such Fare or Passenger for less than the usual Price from time to time set forth and appointed by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of *London*, and specify'd in another Table here also under-written, intituled, *A Table of the Rates or Prices appointed by the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London*, to be taken by the Watermen Rowing from place to place upon the River of *Thames*, between *Graves-end* and *Windsor*, or shall have any more Plyers than one to each particular Boat (except the Masters of Wherries as before excepted) shall forfeit and pay for each and every of the said Offences, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence, and also make full Satisfaction to the person wrong'd, according to the Wrong receiv'd; And if any of the Boat-keepers  
which



which Ply the said Ferry, shall come out of their said Boats to Ply any Fare or Passenger, he shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, the Sum of One Shilling: But if the said Boat-keeper be an Apprentice, his Master shall answer the said Penalty; And if any of the Plyers to any Boat or Wherry shall declare against any other Plyer that he carries not the Fare himself, but prefers them to another person, (altho' the same be true) yet notwithstanding shall forfeit and pay as aforesaid, for every such Offence, the Sum of One Shilling. And if any of the Watermen shall carry any Fare or Passenger on any *Saturday* Night, the Tide flowing at *London* after Seven a Clock, and ebbing at *Graves-end* after the same Hour (in respect of the Lord's Day next following, except allowed of by some Justice of the Peace, under his Hand) shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings; And if any Waterman having a small Boat, and Plying among the said Ferrymen, any Fare or Passenger; if any of the said Ferrymen shall untruly undervalue the said Boat, by saying it will Drown the Passenger, if they pass therein, or otherwise unjustly

unjustly deprive the said person of the said Fare or Passengers, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings, besides Satisfaction to the person so wronged, according to the Wrong receiv'd. And if any Plyer, having a small Boat, shall undervalue any of the said Ferrymen, by saying they can Row faster than they, or work more speed in their Passage, and thereby deprive the said Ferrymen of any Fare or Passenger, by reason of the Greatness of his Boat; Every such Offender, for every such Offence, shall forfeit and pay, besides Satisfaction to the person wronged, the like Sum of Ten Shillings: And if any Waterman, Plying the said Ferry, shall, after the obtaining the Promise of carrying any Fare or Passenger, send, or cause to be sent, any of his said Fare or Passengers so plied, to any Place or Stairs, in order to take them into his Boat, elsewhere than at that particular Stairs or Place at which they were first plied (except the same be required by the said Fare or Passenger) shall forfeit and pay for every such Passenger, as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Two Shillings: And if any Waterman, Plying the said Ferry, shall dispose of any Fare or Passenger.

Passenger which he hath agreed with, to carry to any other Waterman for any Gain or Reward whatsoever to himself; Every such Offender shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, for every such Offence, One Shilling and Six Pence.

ITEM, If any Tilt-Boat-Master, carrying Passengers to and from *London* and *Graves-end*, shall at any time or times hereafter turn to Windward in any of the said Boats, wherein are any of Her Majesties Subjects, except one Trip in each particular Reach where Necessity requires, he shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings: Or if any Master of a Wherry, working the said Ferry, and therein offending (Except as before excepted) shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence.

ITEM, It is further order'd and agreed, That if any Two or more of the Rulers, for the time being, shall by a Summons in Writing under their Hands, and the Seal of the said Company, Summon any person, for any Offence, against any the Rules and Orders above-mention'd; And shall shew, or cause to be shewn, the same to him or her, or cause the same to be left at the usual Place of

LXI. Tilt-Boat or Wherry turning to Windward.

LXII. Offenders refusing to appear, forfeit 10s. Or appearing, and refusing to pay, forfeits 10s.

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his or her Abode; That then, and in such case, such Offender shall pay the Penalty appointed to be forfeited and paid for such Offence to the person, by such Summons appointed to demand and receive the same; or in default of so doing, shall appear before the Rulers at such time and place as shall be mentioned in the said Summons, to shew Cause why he or she did not, or ought not to pay such Penalty: And if such Offender shall neglect so to do, or appearing shall refuse to pay the Penalty by him or her incurr'd; That then, and in every such Case, the person so refusing shall further forfeit and pay for such his or her Non-appearance or Non-payment, the Sum of Ten Shillings.

## LXIII.

*Former By-Laws not herein specify'd, Repeal'd.*

ITEM, That all Orders and Constitutions of the said Company heretofore made, and not herein mentioned and specified, and confirmed by the Right Honourable the Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesties Bench, shall from henceforth stand and be repealed to all Intents and Purposes.

G O I B S O N.

*I have seen and perus'd these By-Laws, and do approve, allow and confirm the same, Dated the 16th Day of April, Anno Dom. 1708. And in the 7th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

J. HOLT.



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**A Table of Fees to be taken  
by the Rulers, Clerks and Officers  
of the Company of Watermen and  
Lightermen.**

For a sealed Copy of a Free Court-Record	10 s
For Quarteridge yearly	10 s
For Binding a Servant	10 s
besides paying the Queens Tax for Stamps	10 s
For Assigning over an Apprentice to some other Master or Mistress	10 s
For a Fine from every person to be made Free	10 s
For Building and Repairing a New Hall within the City of London, or for other publick Uses of the said Company, every person to be made Free to pay	10 s
For the Poor, every one doing Business, their free Offering	10 s

*Clerks Fees.*

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
<b>FOR</b> a Deputation to a Master of a Row-Barge, Light-horse-man or Tilt- Boat —————	00	10	00
For a sealed Copy of a Free- dom or Register —————	00	02	06
For Binding or Turning-over an Apprentice —————	00	01	00
For Crossing-out an Appren- tice, Searching the Regi- ster, Copy of an Order of Court, or any License or Certificate —————	00	00	06
For a Copy of a Register, an Indenture being lost —————	00	01	00

*Off.*

*Officers Fees.*

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
<b>F</b> OR Binding or Turning- over an Apprentice, each Officer-----	} 00	00	06
For a Freedom of a Register- Seal, <i>ditto</i> -----	} 00	00	06
For a Deputation to a Ma- ster of a Row-Barge, Light-horse-man or Tilt- Boat, each-----	} 00	01	00
For Summoning an Offender to Court-----	} 00	00	00
For the Batchellor's Bowl, according to an antient Custom-----	} 00	01	00

**A Table of the Rates or**  
 Prices appointed by the Lord  
 Mayor and Court of Aldermen  
 of the City of London, to be  
 taken by the Watermen Rowing  
 from Place to Place upon the Ri-  
 ver of Thames, between Graves-  
 end and Windsor.

**F**rom London to Gravesend, one  
 whole Fare in Oars, 4 s. 8 d.  
 with Company 8 d.  
 From London to Greenhith, one whole Fare in  
 Oars 4 s. with Company 8 d.  
 From London to Greenhith, one whole Fare in  
 Oars 4 s. with Company 8 d.  
 From London to Greenhith, one whole  
 Fare in Oars 4 s. with Company 8 d.  
 From London to Purfleet, or Erith, a  
 whole Fare in Oars 3 s. with Com-  
 pany 6 d.  
 From London to Woolwich, one whole  
 Fare in Oars 2 s. 6 d. with Compa-  
 ny 4 d.  
 From London to Blackwall, one whole Fare  
 in Oars 2 s. with Company 4 d.

From



From London to Greenwich, one whole  
Fare in Oars 1 s. 6 d. with Compa-  
ny 3 d.

From London to Deptford, one whole  
Fare in Oars 1 s. 6 d. with Compa-  
ny 3 d.

From London to Limehouse, one whole  
Fare in Oars 1 s. A Sculler's Fare  
6 d.

From London to New-Crane, Shadwell-  
Dock, Bell-Wharf, Ratcliff-Cross, one  
Oar's Fare 1 s. A Sculler 6 d.

From London to Wapping-Dock, Wapping  
New and Wapping Old-Stairs, one  
Oar's Fare 6 d. A Sculler 3 d.

From London to the Hermitage, in Oars  
6 d. A Sculler 3 d.

From London to Rotherhithe Church-  
Stairs and Rotherhithe-Stairs, in Oars  
6 d. A Sculler 3 d.

From St. Olaves to Rotherhithe Church-  
Stairs and Rotherhithe-Stairs, in Oars  
6 d. A Sculler 3 d.

From Billingsgate, London, and St. Olave's,  
to St. Saviour's Mill, in Oars 6 d. A  
Sculler 3 d.

Over the Water, directly between Lon-  
don-Bridge and Limehouse, for the next  
Sculler 2 d.

All the Stairs between *London-Bridge* and *Westminster*, in Oars 6 d. A Sculler 3 d.

From *London-Bridge*, on either side above the said Bridge, to *Lambeth* and *Vaux-Hall*, Oars 1 s. A Sculler 6 d.

From *White-Hall* to *Lambeth* and *Vaux-Hall*, Oars 6 d. A Sculler 3 d.

From *Temple-stairs*, *Dorset-stairs*, *Black-fryars*, *Paul's-Wharf* to *Lambeth*, in Oars 8 d. A Sculler 4 d.

Over the Water directly, in the next Boat, between *London-Bridge* and *Vaux-Hall*, in a Sculler 2 d.

From *London* to *Chelsey*, *Battersey*, and *Wandsworth*; one whole Fare in Oars 1 s. 6 d. with Company 3 d.

From *London* to *Putney*, *Fulham*, *Barn-Elms*; one whole Fare in Oars 2 s. with Company 4 d.

From *London* to *Hammersmith*, *Chiswick* and *Mortelack*; one whole Fare in Oars 2 s. 6 d. with Company 6 d.

From *London* to *Brentford*, *Isleworth*, *Richmond*; one whole Fare in Oars 3 s. 6 d. with Company 6 d.

From *London* to *Twickenham*; one whole Fare in Oars 4 s. with Company 6 d.

From

From *London* to *Kingstone* ; one whole  
Fare in Oars 5 s. with Company  
9 d.

From *London* to *Hampton-Court* ; one  
whole Fare in Oars 6 s. with Com-  
pany 1 s.

From *London* to *Hampton-Town, Sun-  
bury, and Walton upon Thames* ; one  
whole Fare in Oars 7 s. with Com-  
pany 1 s.

From *London* to *Weybridge and Chertsey* ;  
one whole Fare in Oars 10 s. with  
Company 1 s.

From *London* to *Stanes* ; one whole Fare  
in Oars 12 s. with Company 1 s.

From *London* to *Windsor* ; one whole  
Fare in Oars 14 s. with Company 2 s.

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RATES

From London to Gravesend: one whole  
 Fare in one Company

**R A T E S** for Carrying of Goods  
 in the Tilt-Boat between Graves-  
 end and London

For a half Firkin ———— 00 00 01

For a whole Firkin ———— 00 00 02

For a Hoghead ———— 00 00 00

For a Hundred Weight of  
 Cheese, Iron, or any other  
 such heavy Goods ———— 00 00 04

For a Sack of Salt or Corn ———— 00 00 06

For an ordinary Chest or  
 Trunk ———— 00 00 06

For the whole Tilt-Boat,  
 when one or more Per-  
 sons have occasion to hire  
 it to themselves ———— 01 02 06

For every single Person, in  
 the ordinary Passage ———— 00 00 06

Examined per  
**J. GIBSON.**

RATES

All



*All the Pecuniary Penalties imposed  
by Statute-Law, or the before-  
mentioned By-Laws, &c.*

**B**y the 2d and 3d of Philip  
lip and Mary, chap. 16.  
sect. 11. That Watermen  
who takes more than the  
settled Fare, is imprisoned  
for Six Months, and for-  
feits —

By the 1st of James the 1st,  
chap. 16. sect. 3. If the  
Rulers do not twice in  
every Year read all the  
By-Laws (viz) On the  
1st of March, and 1st of  
September, they severally  
forfeit —

If a Ruler, Auditor, or As-  
stant, shall refuse to hold,  
or be negligent in his  
Office, by the 11th and  
12th of W. the 3d, ch. 21.  
sect. 4. he forfeits —

By

By the 6th Section of that  
Act, none but registred  
Lightermen to work as  
Lightermen, upon the  
weekly forfeiture of—

Every *Sunday* Ferryman, who  
doth not the next *Munday*  
pay to the Rulers, or their  
Order, what he earn'd the  
Day before, doth, by the  
last recited Act, for every  
Neglect, forfeit—

*In what By-Law.*

- 1 **E**OR not Summoning }  
a Quarterly Court-- } 05 00 00
- 2 For leaving the Chair }  
without Consent of the } 05 00 00  
General Court--
- 2 For Misbehaviour in the }  
General Court-- } 00 05 00
- 3 For the Clerk's not entring }  
Minutes of all Courts, or }  
not Drawing up Orders }  
thereupon within 4 Days, } 02 00 00  
or not fairly Enttring them }  
within 6 Days after that-- }

4 For

- 4 If it appears by Casting up the Cash receiv'd at any Court of Rulers, that the Cash is more than the Rulers or Clerk's Entry; that Receiver, at the then next Court of Rulers, shall make good the same, or forfeit double that Deficiency: but if such Cash be more than the Receiver's or Clerk's Entry, then the Overplus shall be Entred by the Receiver and Clerk, on forfeiture of ————
- 4 Each Ruler present at every Court of Rulers, to sign the Day-Book; or each Neglecting, to forfeit ————
- 4 A Ruler's Misbehaviour in a Court of Rulers, forfeits ————
- 4 If the Beadle, who keeps the Hall-Door at any Court of Rulers, shall let in any person (Rulers or Clerk excepted) without the Chairman's Order, he forfeits ————

l. s. d.

01 00 00

01 00 00

00 05 00

00 02 06

- 4 The *Sunday Ferry* money  
to be kept separate from  
the other Cash; and that  
Ruler who mixes them,  
so that it can't be known  
how much is *Sunday Fer-*  
*ry* money, and what the  
other Cash doth amount  
unto, forfeits 05 00 00
- 4 One of the *Beadles* at eve-  
ry Court of Rulers shall  
Enter each person down  
in that Order in which he  
came, and give such List  
to the Chairman, or for-  
feits 00 02 00
- 5 To take Money to give  
his own, or solicit ano-  
ther's Vote 10 00 00
- 7 Not appearing at a Gene-  
ral Court, or departing  
without leave 00 05 00
- 8 The Clerk within 10 Days  
to make fair Entries of all  
Bindings and Freedoms,  
or forfeits 05 00 00



9 No Master or Mistress to suffer his or her Apprentice to take charge of a Boat before two Years bound, on forfeiture for every Offence of ———

10 The Major part of the Rulers present, and the Clerk, to subscribe all Freedoms; or either neglecting, to forfeit ———

11 Refusing to make Free those who have a Right, forfeits ———

12 A Ruler refusing to Turn one over whose Master is dead, forfeits ———

13 No Boy to be kept above 40 Days upon Tryal, on forfeiture of 20s. per Week above that time ———

16 To work on the Lord's Day, unless appointed, or by some Justice permitted, forfeits ———

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
16 To revile Ruler, Auditor or Assistant, forfeits—	} 00	10	00
16 One private Waterman, &c. to revile another, or Passenger, forfeits —	} 00	02	00
16 For Swearing or Cursing, to pay —	} 00	02	00
17 Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Clerk or Beadle, keeping a Victualling-house, to forfeit <i>per Week</i> —	} 00	10	00
21 The Rulers not appointing the short Plying-places annually, each to pay —	} 01	00	00
21 For not appointing the long Plying-places every two Years each, forfeits—	} 02	00	00
22 For Towing a Boat when carrying a Passenger, forfeits —	} 00	02	06
24 For not appearing upon Summons, the first Neglect forfeits —	} 00	01	00
24 For the second Default, forfeits —	} 00	02	06

24 For

*l. s. d.*

- |    |                              |   |    |    |    |
|----|------------------------------|---|----|----|----|
| 24 | For each subsequent De-      | } | 00 | 05 | 00 |
|    | fault, forfeits—             |   |    |    |    |
| 25 | None by his Boat to hin-     | } | 00 | 00 | 06 |
|    | der Passage, on forfeiture   |   |    |    |    |
|    | of—                          |   |    |    |    |
| 27 | None rowing along the        | } | 00 | 01 | 00 |
|    | Shore to ply another's       |   |    |    |    |
|    | Fare, on forfeiture of—      |   |    |    |    |
| 28 | For not observing the        | } | 00 | 01 | 00 |
|    | Plying-Orders, to pay—       |   |    |    |    |
| 29 | For not giving Notice        | } | 00 | 01 | 00 |
|    | when Plying with the         |   |    |    |    |
|    | Tide—                        |   |    |    |    |
| 29 | To hinder the Landing        | } | 00 | 02 | 06 |
|    | of Nobilities Barges, &c.    |   |    |    |    |
|    | forfeits—                    |   |    |    |    |
| 30 | To ply when his Boat         | } | 00 | 05 | 00 |
|    | not at the Stairs, forfeits— |   |    |    |    |
| 31 | Those plying Westward        | } | 00 | 02 | 06 |
|    | not to carry above ten       |   |    |    |    |
|    | Passengers, on forfeiture    |   |    |    |    |
|    | of—                          |   |    |    |    |
| 32 | None plying the Long-        | } | 00 | 01 | 00 |
|    | Ferry shall ply one about    |   |    |    |    |
|    | to take Water with ano-      |   |    |    |    |
|    | ther, except, &c. on for-    |   |    |    |    |
|    | feiture of—                  |   |    |    |    |

- 33 All plying to keep Way, }  
on forfeiture of ——— } 00 00 06
- 34 Rulers, Assistants, or o- }  
ther Officers, receiving a }  
Complaint, &c. to give }  
Notice to the next Court } 00 10 00  
of Rulers, or within Ten }  
Days, on forfeiture of — } 00 00 00
- 35 To hinder Lighters from }  
their proper Turns, pays } 02 00 00  
the Party wrong'd ——— } 00 00 00
- 35 To the Poor for the same }  
Offence ——— } 00 05 00
- 36 Lighters turn'd a-drift }  
shall (returning) have }  
their Turns, or such as } 01 00 00  
hinder shall pay the Party }  
wrong'd ——— } 00 00 00
- 36 And to the Poor for the }  
same Offence ——— } 00 05 00
- 37 All Lighters to keep }  
Way, on forfeiture of — } 00 05 00
- 38 To carry above one }  
Lighter at a time Thro'- }  
Bridge, (except, &c.) for- } 00 05 00  
feits ——— } 00 00 00



38 If a Lighter stop in the  
Bridge for want of Skill,  
to forfeit— } 00 05 00

39 Upon the stoppage of  
such Lighter to give pro-  
per Notice, or to forfeit— } 00 10 00

40 If a Lighter stop on the  
Hill, &c. to forfeit— } 00 05 00

41 To buy Coals of one  
sort, and vouch them for  
another, forfeits— } 02 00 00

42 To sell short of Water-  
measure, &c. forfeits for  
every Vatt short of that  
Measure— } 02 00 00

42 And make satisfaction  
to the Party thereby  
wrong'd, or forfeit— } 10 00 00

43 To use another Man's  
Lighter without leave,  
forfeits— } 00 05 00

44 To imploy Waterman or  
Lighterman not qualify'd,  
forfeits *per diem*— } 00 10 00

45 To cull Coals, &c. for-  
feits *per Chaldron* of the  
Coals with which mixt— } 00 05 00

- 46 That Lighterman who goes Partner with a Foreigner, forfeits *per* Lighter and *per diem* — } 00 10 00
- 46 And for every Chaldron fold in such Partnership. } 01 00 00
- 47 He that hinders the Exchange of Turns, pays both Party wrong'd and Poor — } 00 10 00
- 48 He that loosens another's Lighter from his proper Fast, forfeits — } 00 05 00
- 48 If any Lighterman, or his Apprentice, shall take another's Skiff, &c. without leave, &c. he forfeits — } 00 05 00
- 49 He that is summon'd to answer Damage in *Bridewell-Dock*, and doth not appear, pays — } 01 00 00
- 51 The Comptroller that refuseth to serve, forfeits — } 05 00 00
- 51 If he neglects his Duty, he forfeits — } 02 00 00
- 51 He who neglects to give the Comptrollers Information, forfeits — } 02 00 00
- 52 He

52 He that is summon'd in relation to splitting a Lighter, and shall not appear, forfeits— } 00 05 00

53 He who refuseth to Number his Vessel, forfeits— } 00 05 00

54 He that refuseth to pay his Quarteridge, forfeits— } 00 05 00

55 The Clerk to keep a distinct Account of the Poor's Money, or to forfeit per Week— } 00 10 00

56 The Ruler who refuseth either Oath or Bond, forfeits— } 05 00 00

57 Rulers taking more than the settled Fees, forfeit treble the Overplus : but the Clerk or other Officer therein offending forfeits his Office— }

58 No Goods to be plac'd on the Bails of a Row-Barge, on forfeiture of— } 00 10 00

# ORDERS relating to Graves- end Tilt-Boats and Wherries.

- |   | l. | s. | d.    |
|---|----|----|-------|
| 59 NO Master or Chief<br>Steers-man to act<br>till licens'd, on forfeiture<br>of —————  | 05 | 00 | 00    |
| 59 No such Master to take<br>at first above 37, and 3<br>by the Way : And no such<br>Wherry above 7 at first,<br>and 2 by the Way, on for-<br>feiture for every one ex-<br>ceeding. ————— | 00 | 02 | 06    |
| 60 He that plies to more<br>than one Boat, forfeits---  | 00 | 05 | 00    |
| 60 He that stands before<br>the Plying-place, or lays<br>Hands on Coach, or Bri-<br>dle, or Passenger, or their<br>Goods, without Consent,<br>for each Offence forfeits--                 | 00 | 01 | 00    |
| 60 If any is depriv'd of his<br>Fare by another, the Of-<br>fender forfeits —————   | 00 | 02 | 06    |
|   |    |    | 60 No |



l. s. d.

60 No such Boat-keeper to }  
 come out and ply, on for- } 00 01 00  
 feiture of ————— }

60 No such Plyer to lay a- }  
 nother carries not the } 00 01 00  
 Fare, on forfeiture of ————— }

60 If such Waterman shall }  
 carry a Fare too late on } 00 05 00  
 a Saturday-Night, to for- }  
 feit ————— }

60 He that undervalues a }  
 nother's Boat, forfeits — } 00 10 00

60 He that sends his Fare }  
 to another place (unless } 00 02 00  
 desir'd) forfeits ————— }

60 He that disposeth of a }  
 Fare to another for Gain, } 00 01 06  
 forfeits ————— }

61 No Master of a Tilt-boat }  
 having any Passengers, }  
 shall turn to Windward } 00 10 00  
 above one Trip in a Reach }  
 when Necessity so re- }  
 quires, on forfeiture of — }  
 ————— }

l. s. d.

61 And a Master of a Wherry therein offending, to forfeit for each Offence— } 00 02 06

62 If Two or more of the Rulers under their Hands, and the Seal of the Company, Summon an Offender to pay his Fine; if he do not pay, or appear and shew Cause, he forfeits (besides his Fine)— } 00 10 00

An

*An Abstract of the Duty of  
a Ruler, as particularly express'd  
in the Constitutions, with proper  
References, &c.*

**E**VERY Ruler, soon after chosen, is oblig'd to take the Oath, and Enter into the Bond in such Cases required; and refusing of (a) either, is a refusal of the (a) Order Office, and forfeits 5 l. and made there- 56. pag. 58. by incapable to be a Ruler within seven Years after such refusal.

(b) Every Ruler who refuseth to serve, (b) Order 5. or doth negligently Exercise his Office, p. 3. (8) forfeits 5 l. And therefore all Rulers are by the express Terms of the Statute of William the Third (c) oblig'd to keep (c) Clause 3. good Order and Obedience amongst the p. 3. said Watermen and Lightermen, according to the Constitutions of this Company, whether by Statute - Law or By - Law. For if any of the Rulers shall refuse effectually to prosecute any Offenders a- Order 26. gainst any of the Constitutions (when p. 32. due proof shall appear before them) being duly convicted thereof, he shall be dismiss'd

(d) *Clause 4.*  
p. 3.

(e) *Order*  
19. p. 29.

(f) *Order*  
20. p. 32.

(g) *Order*  
19. p. 30.

dismiss'd, and not capable any more of being either Ruler or other Officer of this Company. (d) And in order thereunto, the Rulers (in conjunction with the Assistants) on their first Court-day, after the First Day of June, shall annually appoint what Towns or Plying-places shall choose Assistants, who are not to exceed Sixty, nor be less than Forty. (e) And the Rulers and Assistants shall every First of July present to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen Five Watermen and Two Lightermen (f) understanding Accounts: but if upon examination the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen shall find either of them not so qualify'd, and therefore refuse such unqualify'd person then (g) within Ten Days after such Refusal, the Rulers and Assistants shall Summon a Court of Rulers and Assistants, and other fit Persons, shall be there chosen, instead of those so refus'd; and within Fourteen Days after such new Choice, shall be presented to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, to be examin'd at the then next Court of Aldermen, or within one Month next after such new Presentment, &c.

Any



Any Two of the Rulers \* impower'd \* *Clause 7.*  
to prosecute Offenders before the Lord *p. 5.*  
Mayor, or any of the Court of Aldermen,  
or any Justice of Peace within the Shires  
bordering upon the River of *Thames*, be-  
tween *Graves-end* and *Windsor*, for Of-  
fences committed within their respective  
Jurisdictions.

If the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants, *Clause 14.*  
shall Summon any Member, by leaving *p. 9, 10.*  
Notice in writing at the place of his usual  
Abode ( pursuant to the Act of the 4th  
and 5th of Her present Majesty, for the  
Encouragement and Increase of Sea-  
men, &c. ) to appear before the Rulers.  
If within Ten Days after such Summons,  
the person so summon'd do not appear,  
being convicted thereof, he shall suffer  
Imprisonment for One Month, and be  
disabled from enjoying any Privilege of  
the said Company for Two Years.

The Rulers oblig'd annually to Sum-  
mon Four General Courts, (*viz.*) in *May*,  
*August*, *November*, and *February*, and  
oftner if Twenty of the Auditors and  
Assistants, under their Hands, desire the  
same; which Summons shall be left un-  
der the Hand of the Clerk, at their re-  
spective Dwellings, Three Days before  
such Court is to be held, or each neglect-  
ing to forfeit *5 l.* *At* *Ord. I. p. 12.*

Order 4. p.  
16, 17, 18.

At the Meeting of every Court of Rulers, a Receiver from amongst themselves shall be chosen, who (for that day) shall keep the Key of the Court-Box, and an Account in writing of what each person that day paid ; and upon telling over the Cash before the Major part of the Rulers then present, and the Clerk ; if the Cash shall appear to be less than the Receiver's or Clerk's Entries, that Receiver, at the next Court of Rulers, shall make good such Deficiency, or forfeit double such Deficiency : But if the Cash be more than was entred by such Receiver or Clerk, a particular Entry of that Overplus shall be entred by both the Receiver and Clerk, or each neglecting shall forfeit Twenty Shillings for every Five Shillings not so accounted for ; and at the close of every such Court, the Rulers then present shall sign the Day-Book, on each neglecting forfeit Twenty Shillings. Every Ruler behaving himself disorderly in such Court, to forfeit Five Shillings ; The Chairman (for the time being) to call into Court every person in that order in which he came—No Ruler to mix the *Sunday* Ferry-money with the other Cash.

If

If any Ruler shall or do directly or indirectly, by himself or other, receive any Fee or Reward, to give his own, or solicit any other's Vote in any General Court, or Court of Rulers, to forfeit 10 l. and be disabled from continuing or being any Member of such Courts, or any Officer of the Company. *Order 4. p. 18, 19.*

If any Ruler (or other Officer) be convicted before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, upon the Charge of any Three of the Comptrollers, under their Hands, of such an Offence as forfeits his Office; then that Court shall and may dismiss such Offender, and a new to be chosen in his stead. *Order 6. p. 19.*

All Rulers (being duly summon'd) to appear at every General Court, and not to depart without leave, on forfeiture (for each Offence) of Five Shillings. *Order 7. p. 20.*

The Rulers to provide proper Qutridge - Books for Bindings and Freedoms. *Order 8. p. 20.*

Two of the Rulers (at the least) shall witness every Indenture, and cause the same to be fairly entred in a Book for that purpose: And none to be Bound, Turn'd over, or made Free, but before the Major part of the Rulers. *Order 10. p. 22.*

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Order 11.  
p. 23, 24.

The Rulers to make none Free, unless he hath actually serv'd, &c. Seven Years; and unless the Major part of the Rulers are present, and the Major part of the Rulers present, and the Clerk, sign such Freedoms, or each neglecting, to forfeit 5/. And those Rulers who shall refuse to make Free, or Register such as have a Right thereunto, forfeit Ten Pounds a-piece.

Order 14.  
p. 26.

Every Ruler, who refuseth to Turn-over an Apprentice according to this 14th Order, forfeits Five Pounds. The Rulers, when requested, oblig'd to make those absent Free who have a Right thereunto.

Order 17.  
p. 28.

No Victualler capable of being chosen a Ruler; and if a Ruler, after chosen by himself, or any other, keep a Victualling-house, he forfeits Ten Shillings per Week.

Order 19.  
p. 31.

The Rulers oblig'd upon all Occasions (other than the Binding of Apprentices, or making them Free) to advise with the Auditors.

Order 21.  
p. 32.

The Rulers in every *June* to appoint the short Plying-places; and every other *July* the long Plying-places; or for the first Omission, each to forfeit Twenty Shillings, and for the second Forty Shillings.

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The Rulers impower'd to allow a Witness what is reasonable, and to oblige a false Informer to make satisfaction, not exceeding Twenty Shillings. *Order 23. p. 33, 34.*

The Rulers to serve without Fee or Reward, and to give due Notice of all Complaints or Offences which they knew of, on forfeiture of Five Shillings. *Order 26. p. 35. Order 34. p. 39.*

Rulers to hear all Complaints in relation to Damages, &c. on *London-Bridge* and *Bridewell-Dock*, &c. and to endeavour to determine the same. *Order 38. p. 42. Order 49. p. 49.*

The Rulers to give Twenty Shillings to such as shall give them due Information of any unregistr'd Persons keeping or working any Lighter or Flat-Boats, &c. *Order 50. p. 49.*

All Rulers, other Officers and Members, oblig'd to give the Comptrollers Information of all Offences within their Cognizance, or each neglecting to forfeit Forty Shillings. *Order 51. p. 51, 52.*

Such Three of the Rulers to keep the Cash as the General Court shall order, &c. *Order 54. p. 55, 56.*

The Rulers Quarterly to pay the Poor, &c. *Order 55. p. 56.*

No Ruler to take more than the settled Fees, &c. *Order 57. p. 58.*

Any

Order 62.  
p. 65.

Any Two of the Rulers, under their Hands, and the Seal of the Company, are to summon Offenders for such Offences upon which they intend to levy Ten Shillings, as well as the Penalty incurr'd.

*An Abstract of the Duty of an Auditor, as particularly express'd, &c.*

Cl. 5. pag. 4.

**A** Auditor refusing to serve, or neglecting his Duty, forfeit 5 l.

Order 19.  
p. 31.

And therefore they must Audit the Company's Accounts twice a year, and oftner if the General Court shall so order, and be assisting to the Rulers with their Advice upon all occasions requir'd; and if the Auditors can't with the Rulers adjust their Accounts, they shall lay them before the General Court; and if not there adjusted, before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, in order to be there determin'd (if they can be) for the Common Good of the Company.

Order 51.  
p. 51.

The Auditors must give the Comptrollers notice of all Embezelments of the Stock, or other Offences of any Officers, on forfeiture of 40 s.

Audi-

Auditors must serve *Gratis*.

An Auditor to be remov'd when convicted, before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, of such an Offence as (by the Constitution) forfeits his Place. *Order 6. p. 19.*

The Comptroller's Duty is fully express'd in the 51st Order, p. 50.

*An Abstract of the Duty of an Assistant, as particularly express'd.*

**N**O Assistant to be chosen that is a Victualler, nor at any other Stairs but where he doth usually ply. *Order 77. p. 28.*

The Assistants are, by the Statute of *William the Third*, empower'd to advise and assist the Rulers for the time being, in the Discovery and Regulation of Mis-carriages, &c. and in putting the Laws in due and full Execution, and in preserving good Rules and Government amongst the said Society and Company: And if any refuse to serve, or negligently exercise their place, to forfeit 5 l. *Clause 5. p. 4.*

And therefore they must give due Information of all Offenders to the Rulers. *Order 34. p. 39.*

And upon the Ruler's neglect to the Comptrollers. *Order 51. p. 51.*

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But

Order 5.  
p. 18.

But no Assistant, directly or indirectly, to take any Money to give his own, or to solicit another's Vote, &c.

Ord. 26 p. 35

Assistants to serve *Gratis*, &c.

Note, *Notwithstanding the Rulers, Auditors, Assistants and Comptrollers, are expressly oblig'd to serve the Company without Fee or Reward; yet if in the necessary Service of the Company they shall expend any Money, or do any other Service than their respective Duties necessarily require; for such Expences or Services, all just Allowances ought to be made them by the Company.*

### *An Abstract of the Clerk's Duty, &c.*

Order 3.  
p. 14.

**T**HE Clerk every *December* annually to be chosen by the General Court, and oftner if there be occasion.

And within 14 Days after his Election (with two Sureties, to be approv'd by the General Court) shall enter into Bond to the Chamberlain of *London* (in Trust for the Company) in the Penalty of 1000 *l.* *Well and truly to observe, perform and keep the several Rules, Orders and Constitutions made, or to be made, for the better Rule and Government of this Company on his part, to be observ'd, perform'd and kept, and in all other things well and honestly behave himself, and faithfully discharge*



*charge his Trust in the Execution of the said Place for so long as he shall continue therein; And shall not embezel or misemploy any Sum or Sums of Money belonging to the Common Stock of the said Company which shall come to his hands, &c. or his Election to be void.* So that the

Clerk, by those General Terms, is as much oblig'd to perform all Parts of the Constitution relating to the Clerk, as if all the particular Duties enjoyn'd him by the Constitution, were particularly mention'd in the Condition of such Bond.

An Abstract of the several Parts of whose Duty, as express'd in the Constitution, and in the same Order in which they stand in the By-Laws, is as followeth, (*viz.*)

A Quarterly General Court (or oftner *Order. i. p.* if 20 of the Auditors and Assistants desire it) is to be summon'd by Summons *13, 14, 15, 16.* under the Hand of the Clerk.

The Clerk to keep a Minute-Book to enter all Orders of the General Court, or Court of Rulers, or other publick Meetings, and draw up Orders thereupon within 4 Days after, and present the same to the next Court to be consider'd, alter'd or approv'd; And within 6 Days after such Approbation, fairly enter such Orders in the proper Book for that purpose.

Order 1.  
p. 16, 17.

The Clerk to keep an exact Account of what all Members pay at every Court of Rulers, and to be present at the telling over the Cash after every such Court: And if the Cash be more than that Day's Receivers, or Clerk's Entry, the Clerk to make a particular Entry of such Overplus.

Order 6.  
p. 19.

The Clerk may be dismiss'd by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, if Three of the Comptrollers prove him guilty of such an Offence, for which his Place ought to be forfeited.

Order 8.  
p. 20.

Within 10 Days after every Binding or making Free, the Clerk (from the Day-Book) to make a very particular Entry thereof.

Order 10.  
p. 22.

The Clerk to attest every Indenture, and shall then make a fair Entry thereof.

Order 11.  
p. 23, 24.

The Clerk to be present when any are made Free, and sign the Freedom; and if the Clerk neglect his Duty in relation to the making Free, or Registering such as have a Right, for every such Offence he forfeits 10 l.

Order 17.  
p. 28.

No Victualler capable of being chosen Clerk, and none after chosen to keep a Victualling-house, or Publick-house for Sale of Liquors.

If

If the Clerk receives any Complaint, *Order 24.*  
or knows of any Offence, he shall give *p. 28.*  
Notice thereof to the next Court of Rulers, or within 10 Days.

The Clerk oblig'd to give the Comptrollers timely Notice of all Rulers, *Order 51.*  
and other Officers offending. *p. 51, 52.*

The Clerk to keep a distinct Account *Order 55.*  
in a Book by it self of all Money receiv'd *p. 56, 57.*  
for, or paid to the Poor.

If the Clerk take more than he ought *Order 57.*  
as his Fees, then to be dismiss'd. *p. 59.*

*Note, The Clerk being oblig'd well and honestly to behave himself, and faithfully to discharge his Trust in the execution of his Place for so long as he continues therein. He is therefore oblig'd to perform ( not only the particular Duties herein expressly enjoyn'd, but also ) whatsoever is proper for him to do as Clerk, for the Common Good of the Company; And all reasonable Expences ( upon the Company's Account ) ought to be allow'd him.*

*An Abstract of the Duty of a  
Beadle, as particularly ex-  
press'd, &c.*

*Order 3.* **T**HE Beadles to be annually chosen  
*p. 14* every *December*, and sooner if there  
be occasion.

One of the Beadles to enter every per-  
son down in that order in which he came  
to the Court of Rulers, and give that List  
to the Chairman; And the Beadle who  
(for the time being) keeps the Hall-Door,  
not to let in any person (Rulers or Clerk  
excepted) without Order from the Chair-  
man, who is oblig'd to call them in that  
order in which they came.

*Order 6.*  
*p. 19.*

A Beadle, upon the forfeiture of his  
Place, may be dismiss'd by the Court of  
Lord Mayor and Aldermen, if any Three  
of the Comptrollers shall charge him with  
such forfeiture.

*Order 17.*  
*p. 28.*

No Victualler capable of being chosen  
Beadle, or any Beadle, when chosen, to  
keep a Victualling-house, or Publick-  
house for strong Liquors.

Every



Every Beadle receiving any Complaint, *Order 34.*  
or knowing of any Offence, to give due *p. 39.*  
Notice to the Court of Rulers; And, upon *Order 51.*  
their Neglect of Duty, to the Comptrol- *p. 51.*  
lers.

If a Beadle takes more for his Fees *Order 57.*  
than is settled, he forfeits his Place. *p. 59.*

But besides the above Particulars, the  
Beadles are oblig'd to obey all reasonable  
Orders from any Members of the General  
Court, or the Clerk, for the putting  
the before-mention'd By-Laws in due  
Execution, or any other Matter for the  
Common Good of this Company; And  
all reasonable Allowances ought to be  
made them for their extraordinary Dis-  
bursements or Services in relation there-  
unto.

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